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# A LETTER:

Whearin, part of the entertain-  
ment vntoo the Queenz Maiesty,  
at Billingworth Castl, in Warwik Sher  
in this Sommerz Progress 1575. is  
signified: from a freend officer  
attendant in the Court, vntoo  
hiz freend a Citizen,  
and Merchaunt  
of London.

DE REGINA NOSTRA ILLVSTRISSIMA.

*Dum laniata ruat vicina ab Regna tumultu:  
Lat a suos inter genialibus ILLA diebus,  
(Gratia Dijs) fruitur: Rūpantur & ilia Codro.*

While that our neighbour Reame (as yet) vnto death wend asunder,  
In mirth among the subiects that her Maiesty are vnder,  
She (thanks too God) leads pleasant daies: let spite & malice wounde.

*[The page contains faint, illegible markings.]*

DE BIGNIA NOTTA ILVETISIMA

(Quintus Dig.) Quintus Dig. Quintus Dig.

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*Untoo my good freend, Ma-*  
ster Humfrey Martin Mercer.



Fter my hartie commen-  
dacionz, I commende mee  
hartily too yoo. Understande  
yæ, that sins throught God &  
good frænds, I am placed  
at Court heer (as yæ wot)  
in a worþwifull room: whearby, I am not  
onlie acquainted with the most, and well  
knoen too the best, and euery officer glad of  
my company: but also haue poour, a dayz  
(while the Councell sits not) to go and too  
see things sight worþhy, and too bee pzezent  
at any sheaw or spectacl, only whear this  
Progressse reprezented vnto her highness:  
And of part of which sportez, hauing ta-  
kin sum notez and obseruationz (for I can  
not bæ idl at ony hand in the world) az well  
too put fro me suspition of sluggardy, az too  
pluk from yoo dout of ony my forgetful-  
nes of frændship: I haue thought it mæet  
too impart them vntoo yoo, az frankly, az  
frændly, and az fully az I can. Well wot  
yæ the blak Prins waz neuer stained with  
disloyaltee of ingratitude towarde ony, I

A.ii.

Dare



rare bee his warrant hee will not beginne  
with yoo that hath at his hand so deeply de-  
zerued.

But heerin, the better for concepuing of  
my minde and instruction of poores, ye must  
gyue mee leaue a littl, az well to p̄face  
vntoo my matter, az to discoors sumwhat  
of Kill yng woorth Castl. A Territoꝝ of  
the right honorabl, my singular good Lord,  
my Lord the Earl of Leyceter : of whoos  
incomparabl cheeryng, and enterceptment  
theat vntoo her Maiesty noow, I will shew  
yoo a part heer, that coold not see all, noz  
had I seen all coold well report the halfe.  
Whear thynges, for the parsons, for the  
place, time, cost, deuisez, draungnes, and  
aboundauns of all that euer I sawe (and  
yet haue I been, what vnder my Master  
Comitted, and what on my own affayres,  
whyle I occupied Merchandize, both in  
Frauns and Flaunders (long and many a  
day) I saw none ony where so memorabl,  
I tell you plain.

The Castl hath name of Kill yng woorth,  
but of truch grounded vppon feyehfull Ro-  
rie Benelwoorth. It stonds in Warwyk-  
shyre, a lxxiiii. myle north west from Lon-  
don, and az it wear in the Hauell of Eng-  
land,

Killing-  
woorth  
Castl.

lande. foure myle sumwhat South from  
 Couentree a proper Citie, and a lyke di-  
 stauns from Warwyk, a fayre Sheere  
 Toun on the North : In aye sweet and  
 hollsum, raised on an eazy mounted hill,  
 is sette eeuennie coasted with the froont  
 straight intoo the East, hath the tenaunts  
 and Toun about it, that pleasantly shifts  
 from dale too Hyl sundry whear wyth  
 sweet Springs bursting forth : and is so  
 plentifully well sorted on euery side intoo  
 arabl, meado, pasture, wood, water, & good  
 ayre, az it appeerz to haue need of nothing  
 that may perceyn too liuing or pleasure.  
 Too anauntage hath it, hard on the West,  
 still nourisht with many liuely Springs, a  
 goodly Pool of rare beauty, bredth, length,  
 deapth, and store of all kinde freshwater-  
 fish, delicat, great and fat, and also of wild-  
 fooul byside. By a rare situation and natu-  
 ral amitee seemz this Pool conioynd to the  
 Castly that on the West layz the head az  
 it wear vpon the Castlz bosom, embraceth  
 it on either side South and North with  
 both the armz, settlz it self az in a reach a  
 flightshoot byde, stretching forth body and  
 legs a myle or too Westward : between  
 a fayre Park on the one side, which by the

Braiz is linked too the castl on the South,  
 sprinkled at y entrauns with a few Cou-  
 nyes, that for colour and smallnes of num-  
 ber, seem too hae suffered moze for pleasure  
 then comoditee: And on y other side, North  
 and West, a goodlie Chase: wast, wyde,  
 large, and full of red Deer and other state-  
 lie gamez for hunting: beautified with ma-  
 nie delectabl, fresh & vmbzagious Bowz,  
 Arberz, Seatz, and walks, that with  
 great art, cost, & diligens wear very plea-  
 zauntly appointed: which also the naturall  
 grace by the tall and fresh fragrant trez &  
 soil did so far forth commēd, az Diana her  
 selfe might haue deyned thear well enough  
 too raunge for her pastime. The least arme  
 of this pool Northward, had my Lorde  
 adorned with a beautifull bracelet of a  
 fayr tymbered brydge, that iz of xiiii. foot  
 wide, and a six hundred foot long: railed all  
 on both sides, strongly planked for passage,  
 reaching from the Chase too the Castl: that  
 thus in the midst hath clear prospect ouer  
 thez pleasz on y backpart: and for ward,  
 ouer all the Town and mooch of the Coun-  
 tre beside. Hærtw, a speciall comoditee  
 at hand of sundrie quarreiz of large build-  
 ing stone, the goodnes whearof may the  
 eazlyar



ezelpar be iudged, in the bilding and auncienty of the Castl, that (az by the name & by storiez, well may be gathered) was first reared by Kenulph and hiz young sun and successor Kenelm: boyn both indeed within the Ream heer, but yet of the race of Saxons: and reigned kings of Marchlond fro the yeer of our Lord. 798. to. 23. yærz togyther, aboue 770. yær ago. Although the Castl hath one auncient strong and large keep that iz called Ceazarz Tour, rather (az I haue good cauiz to think) for that it iz square and hys foormed after the maner of Ceazarz Fortz then that euer he bylt it.

Florileg. fo.  
221. & 225.

Guil. Mal-  
mesb. li. i.

May now I am a littel in, Master Martin ile tell you all.

This Marchlond that Storperz call Mercia, iz numbred in their bookes, the fourth of the seauen kingdomes that the Saxons had whilom heer diuided among them in the Ream. Began in Anno Domi. 616. 139. yær after Horsus and Engist, continued in the race of a 17. kings. a. 249. yær togyther: and ended in Ann. 875. Reyzed from the rest (sayz the book) at first by Pendaz pzeumption: ouerthroun at last by Buthreds Pascardp, and so fel to the kingdom of the West Saxons.

And

Mercia.

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And Marchlond had in it, London, Wil-  
helmer, heerin a Bishoprik. Had more of  
Shyre: Glouceter, Worcester, and War-  
wik, and heerin a Bishoprik. Chester (that  
now we call Cheshire) Darby and Staf-  
foord, wherunto one Bishop that had also  
part of Warwick and Shrewsbury and his  
See at Couentree, that was then afore-  
time at Lychfeild. Hertoo: Hereford,  
wherin a Bishoprik that had more too iu-  
risdiction, half Shrewsbury, part of war-  
wik and also of Glouceter, and the See at  
Hereford. Also had Oxford, Buckingham,  
Hereford, Huntingdon, and halfe of Bed-  
ford, and too theez, Northampton, part of  
Leicester and also Lincoln, whearunto a  
Bishop: whoz See at Lincoln Citie that  
sumtime before was at Dorchester. Her-  
too, the rest of Leicester & in Nottingham  
that of olde had a speciall Bishop, whooz  
See was at Leicester, but after, put to the  
charge of the Archbishop of Yorke.

Now touching the name, that of olde  
Records I vnderstand, and of auncient  
writers I finde, is calld Kenelworth.  
Syng most of the Worths in England  
stand ny untoo like lakez, and at eyther  
small Islandz, such one as the seat of this  
Castl

Castl hath ben & eazly may bee, or is lond-  
ground by pool or riuer wheaton willoz,  
alderz or such like doo gro: which Altha-  
merus wrytez pprecizely that the Germaines  
cal Werd: Joyning these too together with  
the nighnest allso of the woozds and sybzed  
of the toongs. I am the bolder to pro-  
nouns, that az our English Woorth, with  
the rest of our auuient langage, waz leaft  
vs from the Germaines: euen so that their  
Werd and our Woorth iz all one thing in  
signifiangs, common too vs both en at  
this day. I take the case so clær that I  
say not az mooch as I moought. Thus pro-  
face ye with the Preface. And now to the  
matter.

Vpon Tacit  
fol. 142.  
The Ger-  
maines call  
werk that  
we woork.  
Werlt-  
woord.  
Wermut:  
woor: m=  
wood. So  
viel wer:  
So much  
woorth.

**O**n Saturday the nyenth of July, at  
long Ichington, a Coun and Lord-  
ship of my Lords, within a leaden myle of  
Killingwoorth, his honoz made her Maiesty  
great cheer at Dinner, and pleazaunt pa-  
styme in hunting by the way after, that it  
was eight a clock in y euening ear her high-  
ness came too Killingwoorth. Whear in the  
Park, about a flight shoot from the Brayz &  
first gate of the Castl, one of y ten Sibills,  
that (we read) wear all Fatidicæ and The-  
obulæ

Sibyl.



obula: (as parties and priuy too the Gods  
 gracious good wilz (cumly clad in a pall  
 of white sylk, pronounced a proper poezi  
 in English rime and meeter: of effect hoow  
 great gladnesse her hyghnesse prezenze  
 brought into euerie steed whear it pleased  
 her too cum, and speciallyn into that place  
 that had so long longed after the same: en-  
 ded with prophesie certain, of mooch and  
 long prosperitee health and felicitie: this  
 her Maiestie beningly acceptyng, passed  
 forth vntoo the next gate of the Brayz,  
 which (for the length, largenes and vse (as  
 well it may so serue) they call now the  
 Tylyard, whear a Porter, tall of person,  
 big of lim & stearn of countinauns, was apt  
 also all in silke, with a club & keiz of qua-  
 titee accordyng: had a rough speech full of  
 passions in meeter aptly made to the pur-  
 pose: whearby (as her highnes was cum  
 within his warde) hee burst out in a great  
 pang of impatiens to see such vncooth trud-  
 ging too and fro, such riding in and out,  
 with such dyn and noiz of talk within the  
 charge of his offis: whearof hee neuer saw  
 the like nor had any warning afore, ne yet  
 could make too himselfe any cause of the  
 matter, at last vpon better view and auise-  
 ment

The Porter

ment as hee preast too cum neerar: confes-  
 sing anon that hee found him self pearced  
 at the prezens of a personage so evidently  
 expressing an heroicall Soueraintee ouer  
 all the whole estates, & by degræz thear be-  
 syde: callmd his stomiz, proclains open  
 gates and fræ passage to all, yælds vp his  
 club, his heyz, his office and all, and on his  
 knæz humbly prayz parson of his igno-  
 rauns and impaciens: which her highnes  
 graciouslie graunting, he cauзд his Trum-  
 petoourz that stood bypon the wall of the  
 gate thear, too soound by a tune of wel-  
 cum: which, besyde the nobl noyz, was so  
 mooch the moze pleazaunt too behold, be-  
 caus thez Trumpetoourz beeing six in  
 number, wear euery one an eight foot hye,  
 in due propoztion of parson besyde, all in  
 long garments of sylk sutabl, each with  
 his syluery Trumpet of a fiue foot long,  
 foormed Taper wyle, and straight from  
 the bypper part vntoo the neather eend:  
 whear the Diameter was a 16. ynchez  
 ouer and yet so tempered by art, that being  
 very eazy too the blast, they cast forth no  
 greater noyz nor a moze vnpleazaunt  
 soound for time and tune, then any oother  
 common Trumpet bee it neuer so artifici-  
 ally

The Trum-  
 petoours.

Lady of the  
Lake.

ally foymed. Theese armonious blasterz,  
from the foieside of the gate at her high-  
nes entrauns whear they began: walking  
vpon the wallz, vntoo the inner: had this  
muzik mainteined from them very delec-  
tably while her highnest all along this tile-  
yard rode vnto the inner gate next the base  
court of the Castl: where the Lady of the  
Lake (famous in king Arthurz book) with  
too Nymphes waiting vppon her, arrayed  
all in sylks attending her highnest com-  
ming: from the midst of the Pool, whear,  
vpon a mouabl Island, bright blazing with  
sorches, she floting to land, met her Maiesty  
with a well penned meter and matter after  
this sort: first of the auncientee of the Castl,  
whoo had been ownerz of the same een till  
this day, most allweyz in the hands of the  
Earls of Leyceter, hoow shee had kept  
this Lake sins king Arthurz dayz, and now  
vnderstanding of her highnest hither cum-  
ming, thought it both office and duetie in  
humbl wize to discover her and her estate:  
offering vpon the same, her Lake and poour  
therein, with promise of repayre vnto the  
Court. It pleased her highnest too thank  
this Lady, & too ad withall, we had thought  
indeed the Lake had been ours, and now you  
call



call it yourz noow: Wel we will herin com-  
mon moze with yoo herafter.

This Pageaunt waz clozd by with a de-  
lectable harmony of Hautboiz, Shalmz,  
Cornets, and such oother looud muzik, that  
held on while her Maiestie, pleazauntly so  
passed from thence toward the Castl gate:  
whearunto from the base Court ouer a dry  
valley cast into a good form, waz thear fra-  
med a fayre Bridge of a thowtie foot wide,  
and a seauenty foot long, graueld for crea-  
ding, railed on either part with seauē posts  
on a side, that stood a twelue foot a sunder,  
chikned betweene with well proportioned  
Pillars turnd.

The bridge.

Seauen pair  
of posts.

Upon the first payr of posts were set, too  
cumly square wyre cages, each a thre foot  
long, too foot wide and hy: in them, liue Bit-  
ters, Curluz, Shoouelarz, Heartshewz,  
Godwitz, and such like deinty Byrds of the  
prezents of Syluanus the God of fowl.

Syluanus  
prezents.

On the second payr, too great Syluerd  
Bollz, featly apted too the purpose, filde  
with Applz, Pearz, Cherri, Filberdz,  
Walnuts fresh hyon their bzaunchez, and  
with Dzinges, Youngarnets, Lemmanz,  
and Pipinz, all for the giftz of Pomona, Pomona.  
Goddess of fruitez.

The third pair of posts, in too such syl-

**Ceres. 3.**

uerd Bollz, had (all in earz, green and old)  
Wheat, Barly, Dotz, Beanz and Peaz, az  
the gifts of Ceres.

The fourth Post on the least hand, in a  
like syluered Boll, had Grapes in Clusters  
whyte and red, gracified with their Wine  
leauz: the match post against it, had a  
paynt of great whyte syluer lpyery Pots  
for wyne: and befoze them two glassz of  
good capacitie filld full: the ton with whyte  
Wine, the two other with claret: so fresh of  
coloꝝ, and of looke so louely smiling to the  
eyz of many, that by my feith mee thoughte  
by their lering, they could haue foound in  
their harts (az the euening was hot) to haue  
kist them swærlie and thought it no sin: and  
thæz for the potencial pzeents of Bacchus  
the God of wine.

**Bacchus. 4.**

The fift paynt had, each a fair large trep  
treawd a littl with fresh grass, and in them,  
Conger, Burt, Mullet, fresh Herring, Ot-  
sters, Samon, Creuis, and such like from  
Neptunus, God of the Sea.

**Neptunus. 5**

On the sixth paynt of Posts wear set two  
ragged stauez of syluer, as my Lord giuez  
them in armz, beautifully glittering of ar-  
mour therupon depending, Bowz, Arroꝝ,  
Spearz, Sheeld, Head pæss, Gorget, Coise  
lets,

lets, Swords, Targets, and such like for Mars gifts the God of war. And the apt- Mars. 6.  
 lyer (me thought) was it that thooz ragged  
 Staues supported thēz Martiall prezents,  
 as well becauz thēz Staues by their cines  
 seem naturallie meete for the bearing of ar-  
 mour, as also that they chiefly in this place  
 might take vpon them principall protecti-  
 on of her highnes Parson, that so benignly  
 pleased her to take herbour.

On the seauenth Posts, the last and next  
 to the Castl, wear thear pight, too say: Bay  
 braunchez of a fourfoot hy, adourned on all  
 sides with Lutes, Viollz, Shallmz, Cor-  
 nets, Flutes, Recorders and Harpes, as  
 the prezents of Phœbus the God of Muzik Phœbus. 7.  
 for reioysing the mind, and also of Phizik,  
 for health to the body.

Ouer the Castl gate was there fastened  
 a Tabl beautifullly garnisht abooue with  
 her highnest armes, and featlie with Iuy  
 wreathz bdozded aboout : of a ten foot  
 square : the ground blak, whearupon in  
 large white Capitall Roman say: writtē:  
 a Poem mencioning thēz Gods and their  
 giftes thus prezented vntoo her highnest:  
 which, becauz it remained vnremoued, at  
 leyzure & pleaz<sup>ur</sup> I took it out, as foloweth.

AD



AD MAIESTATEM REGIAM.

*Iupiter huc certos cernens TE tendere gressus,  
Cœlicolas PRINCEPS ætutum conuocat omnes:  
Obsequium præstare iubet TIBI queng, benignum.  
Unde suas Sylvanus aues, Pomonaq, fructus,  
Alma Ceres fruges, hilarantia vina Læus,  
Neptunus Pisces, tela & tutantia Maiores,  
Suauē melos Phœbus, solidam longamq, salutem.  
Dij TIBI REGINA hæc (cū SIS DIGNISSIMA) præbēt:  
Hæc TIBI cum Domino dedit se & Werda Kenelma*

All the letterz that mention her Maiestie,  
which heer I put capitall, for reuerens and  
honor wear thear made in gold.

But the night well spent, for that thez  
verses by Torchlight, could not easily be  
read, by a Poet thearfore in a long cerule-  
ous garment, with a lute and wide sleeves  
Venecian wize, drawn vp to his elbowz,  
his Doublet sleeves vnder that, Crimzen  
nothing but silke: a Bay garland on his  
head, and a skro in his hand, making first  
an humble obeizaunz at her highness cum-  
myng, and pointing vntoo euerie present  
az he spake: the same wear pronounced.  
Pleazantly thus viewing the giftes az  
the

He past, & how the post might agré with  
the speech of the Poet, at y<sup>e</sup> end of y<sup>e</sup> bridge  
& entreé of the gate, waz her highnes recei-  
ued with a fresh delicate armony of Flutz,  
in perfourmauns of Phœbus presents.

So passing intoo the inner Court, her  
Majesty (that neuer ridez but alone) thear  
set down from her Pallfree, waz conueied  
vp to chamber: when after, did follo so  
great a peal of gunz, and such lightning  
by fyre work a long space toogether: as  
Iupiter would sheaw himself too bee no fur-  
ther behind with hiz welcum, then the rest  
of hiz Gods: and that would hee haue all  
the countrie to kno: for indeed the noiz  
and flame wear heard and sene a twenty  
myle of. Thus much Master Martin (that  
I remember me) for the first daiz Bien  
venu. Be y<sup>e</sup> not wery, for I am skant in  
the midst of my matter.

On Sunday: the forenoon occupied (as  
for the Sabot day) in quiet and vacation  
froo work, & in diuine seruise & preaching  
at the parish church: The afternoon in ex-  
celent muzik, of sundry sweet instruments  
and in dauncing of Lordes & Ladies, and  
other woozshipfull degrees, vttered with  
such liuely agilitée & commendabl grace:

Sunday.

az whither it maought be more straunge  
too the eye, or pleazure too the minde, for  
my part indeed I could not discern: but ex-  
ceedingly well waz it (me thought) in both.

At night late, az though Iupiter the  
last night, had forgot for bizness, or for-  
born for curtezy & quiet, part of his well-  
com vnto her highness appainted: noow  
entring at the fyrst intoo his purpoze mo-  
deratly (az mortallz doo) with a warning  
peep or too, proceeding on with encreas, at  
last the Alticonant displaiz me his mayn  
pouer: with blaz of burning darts, flying  
too & fro, leamz of starz coruscant, streamz  
and hail of fire sparkes, lightnings of  
wildfier & water and lond, flight & shot  
of thunderboltz: al with such countinauns,  
terroz and vehemencie: that the heauins  
thundred, the waters soourged, the earth  
shooke: and in such sort surly, az had we not  
bee assured of the fulminant deitie waz all  
hot in amitie, and could not otherwise wit-  
nesse his welcomming vnto her highnesse:  
it woold haue made mee for my part, az  
hardy az I am, very beangeably afeard.  
This a doo lasted while by midnight waz  
past, that well waz mee soon after when I  
waz cought in my Cabapu. And this for  
the



the second day.

Munday was hot, and therefore her Munday. 3.  
highnesse kept in till a fine a clock in the  
evening: what time it pleased her too  
ryde forth into the Chase too hunt the  
hart of fozs: which sound anon, and af-  
ter sore chased, and chased by the hot  
pursuit of the houndes, was fain of fine  
fozs, at last to take soil. There to behold  
the swift flæting of the Deer afoze with  
the stately cariage of his head in his swim-  
myng, spred (for the quantite) lyke the  
sail of a ship: the houndes harroing af-  
ter, as they had bin a number of skiphs too  
the spoyle of a karuell: the con no lesse  
eager in purchaz of his pray, then was the  
the other earnest in sauegard of his life: so  
as the earning of the houndes in continu-  
auns of their crie, þ swiftnes of the Deer,  
the running of footmen, the galloping of  
horsez, the blasting of hornz, the halloing &  
hewing of the hantsmen, with the excellẽe  
Echoz between whilez from the woods and  
waters in valleiz resonnding, mooued pa-  
stime delectabl in so by a degræ, as for any  
parson to take pleasure by most senses at  
onez, in mine opiniõ there can be none any  
wey comparable to this: And speciallyn

The hitting  
of the Hare  
of fozs.

this place that of nature iz formed so fitt  
for the purpose in feith Master Martin if  
ye could with a wish I would ye had been at  
it: Wel the Hart was kild, a goodly Deer,  
but so ceast not the game yet.

The savage  
man.

For about nien a clock at the hither  
part of the Chase, whear torchlight atten-  
ded: oout of the woods in her Maiestiez  
return, roughly came thear forth Hom-  
bre Saluagio, with an Oken plant place  
bp by the roots in hiz hande, himself for-  
grone all in moss and Iuy: who, for par-  
sonage, gesture, and viterauns beside,  
coountenaunst the matter too very good  
liking, and had speech to effect: That con-  
tinuing so long in theez wilde wastes,  
whear in oft had he fared both far and nér,  
yet hapt he neuer to see so glorioous an  
assemble afoze: and now cast intoo great  
grief of mind, for that neyther by himself  
could hee gess, nor knew whear else to bee  
taught, what they should be, or whoo bare  
estate. Repozes sum had he hard of many  
straunge thinges, but brooyled thearby  
so mooch the more in desire of knoledge.  
Thus in great pangz bethought he & cald  
he vpon all his familiarz & companioz: the  
Fawnz, the Satyres, the Nymphs, the  
Dryades

Dyrades, & the Hamadryades, but none  
 making answer, whereby his care the  
 more encreasing, in utter grief & extreme  
 refuge called bee allowed at last after his  
 olde friend Echo that he wist would hyde  
 nothing from him, but tel him all if she wear  
 heer. Heer (quoth Echo.) Heer, Echo and Echo.  
 art thou there? (sayz he) Ah how mooch  
 hast thou relieved my carefull spirits with  
 thy curtezy onward. A my good Echo heer  
 iz a marueilloous prezenz of dignitee, what  
 are they I pray thee, who iz Souerain, tell  
 me I beseech thee, or elz how moought I  
 knoe? I knoe (quoth shee). Knoest thou sayz  
 hee? Marry that iz exceedingly well: why  
 then, I desire thee hartely to sho me what  
 Maiestie (for no mean degree iz it) haue  
 wee heer: a King or a Quene? A Quene  
 (quoth Echo.) A Quene sayez hee? Pau-  
 zing and wisely viewing a while, now full  
 certeynlie seemez thy tale to be true. And  
 proceeding by this maner of dialog with  
 an earnest beholding her highnes a while,  
 recounts he first how iustly that former  
 reports agree with his present sight: cou-  
 ching the beautifull linaments of counti-  
 nauns, the cumly proportion of body, the  
 princely grace of prezenz, & graciouz giftz  
 of



of nature with the rare and singular qualities of both body and mind in her Majesty conioynd, and so apparant at ey. Then shortly rehearsing Saturdayes acts: of Sibils salutation, of the Porters propositiō, of his Trumpetours muzik, of the Lake ladies oration, of the seauen Gods seauen presents: hee reporteth the incredibl ioy that all estatez in the land haue allwey of her highnes whear so euer it cumis: ended with p̄sage and prayer of perpetuall felicitæ, and with humbl subiection of him and hiszen & all that they may do. After this sort the matter went with littl differens I gesse, saying only in this point: that the thing which heer I report in vnpolisht p̄oerz, was thear pronounced in good mæter and matter, very wel indighted in rime. Echo finely framed most aptly by answerz thus to better all. And I shall tell yoo master Martin by the mass of a mad adventure: az this Sauage for the more submission brake his tree a sunder, kest the top from him, it had almost light vpon her highnes hozs head: whereat he starcd and the gentelman mooch dismayd. See the benignitæ of the Prins, az the foot men look well too the hozs, and hee of Generositæ soon

But shall I

soon calmd of him self, no hurt no hurt,  
quoth her highnes. Which words I pro-  
mis yoo wee wear all glad to heer, & took  
them too be the best part of the play.

Tuisday, pleazaunt passing of the time Tuisday. 4.  
with muzik & daunsyng: sauing that to-  
ward night it liked her Maiesty too walk  
a foot into the Chase ouer the Bridge:  
where it pleased her to stand, while vpon  
the Pool out of a Barge fine appoynted  
for the purpoze, too heer sundry kinds of  
very delectabl Muzik. Thus recreated &  
after sum walk her highnes returned.

Wednesday, her Maiesty rode into the Wednes. 5.  
chase a hunting again of the hart of fozs.  
The Deer after hiz property for refuge  
took the soyl: but so mastered by both pur-  
suit on al parts that he was taken quik in  
the pool: the watermē held him by hard by  
the hed, while at her highnes commaund. The Hart  
demēt he lost hiz earz for a raundsum and  
so had pardon of lyfe. The Hart  
pardoned.

Thursday, the fourtecnth of this July Thursday. 6  
and the fyrth day of her Maiestyes cum-  
ming: a great sort of badgers where thear  
tyed in the vicer Court, and thyrteen  
bearz in the inner. Whosoeuer made the A queast of  
Bearz.  
pauell, thear wear inow for a Queast &  
one

one for challenge & need wear. A wight of great wisdom and graunt seemed their forman to be, had it cum to a Jury: But it fell out that they wear caused too appear there vpon no such matter, but onlie too answer too an auncient quarrell betwē them and the bandogs, in a cause of controuersy that hath long depended, been obstinately full often debated with sharp and byting arguments a both sydes, and could neuer bee decided: grown now too so marueylloous a mallys, that with spicefull obzayds and vcharitabl chaffings alweiz they treat, az far az any whear the ton can heer, see, or smell the toocher: and indeed at vtter deadly fohod. Many a maynd member, (God wot) bloody face & a tozn cote hath the quarrell cost betwēne them, so far likely the lesse yet now too be appeazd, az thear wants not partakerz too bak them a both sides.

Well sy, the Bearz wear brought forth intoo the Court, the Dogs set too them, too argu the points euen face too face, they had learnd counsell allso a both parts: what may they be counted parciall that are retaind but a to syde? If wēn no. Wery fairs both ton and toocher & eager



eager in argument if the dog in pleadyng  
would pluck the bear by the throte, the bear  
with trauers would claw him again by  
the skalp, confess & a list, but a boyd a coud  
not that was bound too the bar: and his  
counsell tolde him that it coud bee too him  
no pollecy in pleading.

Therefore thus with fending & pro-  
uing, with plucking & tugging, skratting  
& byting, by plain tooth & nayll a co side &  
toother such exspēs of blood & leather was  
thear between them, az a months licking  
I wēn wyl not recoouer: and yet remain  
az far out az euer they wear.

It was a sport very pleazaunt of theez  
beastz: to see the bear with his pink nyz  
leering after his enmiez approach, the nim-  
bleness & wayt of y dog too take his auan-  
tage, and the foys & experiens of the bear  
agayn to auoyd the assaults: if he wear bit-  
ten in one place, how he would pynch in  
an oother too get frē: that if he wear ta-  
ken onez, then what shyft with byting  
with clawyng, with roying tossing & tum-  
bling he would work too wynde hym self  
from them: and when he was lose, to  
shake his earz twyse oz thysle wyth the  
blud & the slauer about his sizznamp, was  
a matter

**Gunshot &  
fyrework.**

a matter of a goodly relæf. Az this sport waz had a day time in the Castl, so waz thear abode at night very straunge and sundry kinde of fier works, compeld by cunning too fly too and fro and too mount very hy intoo the ayre bpward, and allso too burn vnquenshabl in the water beneath : contrary pee wot, too fyerz, kinde. This intermingld with a great peal of guns : which all gaue, both too the ear and to the ey the greater grace and delight, for that with such order and art they wear tempered touching time and continuans, that waz about too houres space.

**Tumbling  
of the Itali-  
an.**

Now within allso in the mean time waz thear sheawed befoze her highnes, by an Italian, such feats of agilitie, in go-inges, turninges, tumblings, castinges, hops, iumps, leaps, skips, springs, gambaud, soomerfauts, caprettiez and flights: for ward, backward, syde wize, doowward, bpward, and with sundry windings gyryngs and circumflexions : allso lightly and with such easines, az by mee in few words it iz not expressibl by pen or speec h I tell yoo plain. I bleast me by my faith to behold him, and began to doubt whether a waz a man or a spfrite, and I woen bay doubted

doubted mee till this day: had it not been  
that anon I bethought me of men that can  
reason & talk with too tongues, and with too  
parsons at ones, sing like birds, curteiz of  
behaviour, of body strong and in toynts  
so nymbl withall, that their bones seem az  
lythie and plesaunt az syneuz. They dwel  
in a happy Island (az the booke tearynz it)  
four moneths sayling Southward beyond  
Ethiop.

May Master Martin I tell you no less:  
for both Diadorus Siculus an auncient  
Greeke historiographer in his third booke  
of the acts of the olde Egypciens: and also  
from him, Conrad Gesnerus a great lear-  
ned man, and a very diligent writer in all  
good arguments of our time (but decea-  
sed) in the first Chapter of his Mithrida-  
tes reporteth the same. Az for this fellow  
I cannot tell what too make of him, saue  
that I may gesse his bak be metallo like a  
Lamprey that haz no bone but a lyne like  
to a Lute string.

Diodor. Si-  
cul. De anti.  
Egyptioru  
gestis. lib. 3.

Mithrid.  
Gesneri.

Well sy let him passe and his seatz, and  
this dayz pastime withall, for heer iz az  
mooch az I can remember mee for Thurs-  
dayz entertainment.

Friday and Saterday wear thear no o-  
pen

Friday.



**Saterday. 8.** pen sheawz abroad, becauz the weather enclynde too sum moyster & wynde: that very seasonably temperd the drought and the heat, cauzed by the continuans of sayz weather & sunshyne afore, all the whyle syns her Maiestiez thither cumming.

**Sunday. 9.** A Sunday opportunely the weather brake vp again, and after diuine seruys in the parish church for the sabot day, and a frutefull sermon thear in the forenoon: at after noon in woozship of this kenel-woozth Castl, and of God & saint kenelm, whooz day forsooth by the calendar, this was: a solem bypdeale of a proper coopl was appointed: set in order in y tyltyard, too cum and make thear sheaw befoze the Castl in the great coourt, whear az was pight a cumly quintine for featz at armz which when they had don, too march out: at the nozthgate of the Castl homeward againe intoo the tooun.

**Brideale.**

And thus were they marshallo. Fyrt, all the lustie lads and bolld bachelorz of the parish, sutable enery wight with hiz blu buckeram bridelace vpon a braunch of green broom (cauz rozemary iz skant thear) tyed on hiz leaft arme (for a that syde lyez the heart) and hiz allder poll for

for a spear in his right hand, in mar-  
 ciall order raunged on a foze, too & too in  
 a rank: sum with a hat, sum in a cap,  
 sum a cote sum a ierken, sum for lightnes  
 in his dooblet & his hoze, clean trust with a  
 point afoze: sum botes & no spurz, he spurz  
 & no boots, and he neyther nother: one a  
 sabel, anoother a pad or a pannell fastened  
 with a cord, for gyts wear geazon: and  
 theez too the number of a sixteen wight ri-  
 ding men and well besen: but the bryde-  
 groom for most, in his fatherz tawny wor-  
 sted iacket, (for his frends wear sayn  
 that he shoold be a brydegroom before the  
 Queen) a fayr straw hat with a capitall  
 crowne stepl wyze on his hed: a payr of  
 haruest glouez on his hands, az a sign of  
 good husbandry: a pen & inkozn at his bak.  
 for he wold be knowen to be bookish  
 lame of a leg that in his yooch was broken  
 at football: wellbeloued yet of his mother  
 that lent him a nu mufflar for a napkin  
 that was tyed too his gyrd for lozpng: It  
 was no small sport too marke this miniõ  
 in his full apointment, that throogh good  
 scoolation becam az formall in his action  
 az had he been a bryde groom indeed: with  
 this speciall grace by the wey, that euer az  
 he

he wolde haue framed him the better countenauns, with the woos face he lookt.

Tell sy, after thez horsmen, a lively morisauns, according too the aunciene manner, sir daunserz, Dawdmarion, and the fool. Then, thre pety puzzles az bryght az a breast of bacon, of a thirtie yeere old a pees, that carried thre speciall spise cakes of a bushell of wheat, (they had it by measure out of my Lords backhouse,) befoze the Bryde: Syzely with set countenauns, and lips so demurely sympyng, az it had been a Mare cropping of a thistle. After thez a louely loober woorts, frekfaced, red headed, cleen trust in his doublet & hiz boze taken by now in deed by commission, for that hee waz so loth to cum forward, for reuerens belike of hiz nu cut canuas doublet: & wold by hiz good will haue been but a gazer, but found too bee a meet actor for hiz offis: that waz to beare the brydecup, foormed of a sweet sucket barrell, a faire turnd foot set too it, all seemly be syluerd and parcell gilt, adourned with a beaifull braunch of broom, gayly begilded for fosemarp: from which, too brode brydelaces of red and yelloo buckeram begilded, and galauntly streaming by such wind az thear waz



was (for he carried it aloft:) This gentle  
cupbearer, yet had his freckled skin  
somewhat unhappily infected as he went  
by the busy flies, that stopt about the bride  
cup for the sweetness of the sucket that it  
favoured on: but he like a tall fellow, with-  
stood their malice stoutly (see what man-  
hood may do) bet them away, kild them by  
scores, stood to his charge and marched on  
in good order.

Then folloed the worshipfull Bride, led  
(after the cuntry maner) between two an-  
cient parishioners, honest townsmen. But  
a stale stallion and a wel spred, (hot as the  
weather was) God wot, and an ill smelling  
was she: a thirtie year old, of colour brown-  
bay, not very beautifull in deed but vgly  
sooul ill favoured: yet maruepulous faine of  
the offis, because shee hard say shee shoold  
daunce before the Queen, in which feat shee  
thought shee woold foote it as finely as the  
best: Well, after this bride came there by two  
and two, a dozen damzels for bridemaides:  
that for fauor, attyre, for facion and clean-  
lines: were as meete for such a bride as a  
træn ladi for a porige pot: mo, but for fear  
of carring all clean had ben appointed:  
but theez feaw wear inow.

Running at  
Quintine.

As the company in this order wear cum  
into y<sup>e</sup> court, maruelous wear the mar-  
ciall acts that wear doon thear that day.

The Bydegroome for preeminens  
had the fyrst coors at the Quintyne,  
broke his spear treshardiment: but his  
mare in his manage did a littl so titu-  
bate. that mooch a doo had his manhod to  
sit in his sadl, & to scape the foyl of a fall:  
with the help of his hand yet he recoouerd  
himself, and lost not his styrops (for he had  
none too his saddl): had no hurt as it hapt,  
but only that his gyrt burst, and lost his  
pen & inke, that he was redy to wep for.  
But his handkercher, as good hap was,  
found he safe at his gyrd: that cheerd him  
sumwhat, & had good regard it shoold not  
be speld. For though heat & coolnes vpon  
sundry occasions made him sumtime too  
sweat, and sumtime sumaticke: yet durst  
he be bollder too blow his noze & wype his  
face with the flapet of his fatherz iacket,  
then with his mothers mufflar. tis a  
goodly matter, when yooth is manerly  
brought vp in fatherly looue & motherly  
aw.

Now syr, after the Bydegroome had  
made his coors, ran the rest of the band a  
whyle,

whyle in sum order, but soon after, rag and  
rag, cut & long tail: whear the specialty of  
the sport waz, to see: how sum for hiz  
slakness had a good bob with the bag, and  
sum for his haste too toppledown right, &  
cum tumbling to the post: sum stryuing so  
mooch at the first setting out, that it seemd  
a question betweene the man & the beast,  
whither the cooꝝ shold be made a horse-  
back or a foot: and put forth with the  
spurz, then wold run hiz race byas among  
the thickest of the throng, that dooun came  
they toogpyther hand ouer hed: anoother,  
whyle he directed hiz cooꝝ to the quin-  
tyne, hiz iument wold cary him too a  
mare amoong the pepl: so hiz hoꝝs az a  
moꝝoos, az him selfe aduenturoos. Ano-  
ther, too run & miss the quintyne with hiz  
staff, and hit the boꝝd with his hed.

Many such gay gamez weat thear a-  
mong thez ryderz: who by & by after, byd  
a greater cooꝝage leaft thear quincining,  
and ran one at anoother. Thear to see the  
fearn countenauis, the grym looks, the  
cooꝝagious attempts, the desperat aduẽ-  
turez, the daungerous cooꝝplez, the fiers  
encounteꝝ, whearby the buff at the  
man, and the coounterbuff at the hoꝝs, that



boch sumtime cam toppling to the ground:  
By my trooth Master Martyn twaz a  
liuely pastime, I beleue it wold haue  
moued sum man too a right mery mood,  
thoogh had it be toold him hiz wife lay a  
dying.

Hok Tuif-  
day by the  
Couentree  
men.

And hertoo folloed az good a sport (me  
thooght) presented in an historycall ky, by  
certain good harted men of Couentree,  
my Lordes neighbors thear: who vnder-  
standing amoong them y thing that coold  
not bee hidden from any: hooow carefull  
and studious hiz honor was, that by all  
pleasaunt recreacions her highnes might  
best fynd her self wellcom, and bee made  
gladsum and mery (the groundworke in-  
deede and foundacion of hiz Lordships  
myght and gladnesse of vs all) made peti-  
tion that they mought tenu now these  
olde storyall sheaw: Of argument how the  
Danez whylom here in a troublous sea-  
zon wear for quietnesse born withall & suf-  
feard in peas, that anon by outrage & im-  
portabl insolency, abuzing both Ethelred  
the king then and all estates euerie whear  
by side: at the greuous complaint & coun-  
sell of Huna the kings chieftain in warz,  
on Saint Bryces night. Ann. Dom. 1012.

Florileg. li.  
Lfol. 300.

(As the book sayz) that falleth yereely on the thirtēth of Nouember) wear all dispatch and the Reame rid. And for becauz the matter mencioneth how valiantly our English women for loue of their cuntries behaved themseluez: expresse in actionz & rymes after their maner, they thought it mooght moue sum myght to her Maies- tie the rather.

The thing said they iz grounded on story, and for pastime woont too bee plaid in our Citie yereely: without ill exampl of mannerz, papistray, or ony superstition: and elz did so occupy the heads of a number, that likely inoough woold haue had woordes meditationz: had an auncient beginning and a long continuance: tyll now of late laid dooun, they knu no cauz why onless it wear by the zeal of certain theyr Preacherz: men very commendabl for their behaviour and learning, & swet in their sermons, but sumwhat too sour in preaching away theyr pastime: wisht therefore, that az they shoold continu their good doctrine in pulpet, so, for matters of pollicy & gouernauns of the Citie, they woold permit them to the Maier and Magistratez: and seyed by my seyth, Master Martyn) they

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would make theyr humbl petition vnto  
her highnes, that they might haue theyr  
playz by agayn.

Captain  
Cox.

But aware, keepe bak, make room now,  
heere they cum. And fyrst captin Cox, an  
od man I promiz yow: by profession a Ma-  
son, and that right skilfull, very cunning  
in fens, and hardy as Gawin, for his ton-  
sword hangs at his tablz end: great ouer-  
sight hath he in matters of storie: For as  
for king Arthurs booke, Huon of Burdeaux,  
The foure suns of Aymon, Beuys of  
Hampton, The squyre of lo degre, The  
knight of courtesy, and the Lady Faguell,  
Frederik of Gene, Syr Eglamour, Sir  
Tryamour, Syr Lamwell, Syr Isen-  
bras, Syr Gawyn, Olyuer of the Castell,  
Lucres and Eurialus, Virgils life, The  
castl of Ladies. The wido Edyth, The  
king & the Tanner. Frier Rous, Howle-  
glas, Gargantua, Robinhood, Adambel,  
Clim of the clough & Williã of cloudesley,  
The Churl & the Burd, The seauen wise  
Masters, The wife lapt in a Foxes skin,  
The sak full of nuez. The seargeant that  
became a fryar, Skogan, Collyn cloout,  
The fryar & the boy, Elynor Rummynge,  
and the Ruthbooun maid, with many moe  
then



hen I rehearz hère : I belæue hee haue  
them all at hiz fingers endz.

Then in Philosophy both morall & na-  
turall, I think he be az naturally ouersæn:  
beside poetrie and Astronomie, and cother  
hid sciencez, as I may gesse by the omber-  
ty of hiz bookes: whearof part az I remem-  
ber, the Sheperdz kalender. The Ship of  
Foolz, Danielz dreamz, the booke of For-  
tune, Scans puer ad mensam, the hy wey  
to the Spitchhouse, Iulian of Brainsfordes  
testament, the castle of Loue, the booger of  
Demaunds, the hundred Wery talez, the  
book of Riddels, the Seauen soroz of we-  
men, the proud wiues Pater noster, the  
Chapman of a pemiwoorth of Wit: Beside  
hiz auncient playz. Dooch & charitæ, Pik-  
skoer, Rugize, Impacient pouerty, and  
hærwith doctor Woods breniary of healeth.  
What shold I rehearz heer, what a bunch  
of ballets & songs all auncient: Az Broom  
broom on hil. So wo iz me begon, trolp lo.  
Ouer a whinny Peg. Hey ding a ding.  
Bony lass vpon a græn. My bony on gaue  
me a bek. By a bank az I lay: and a hun-  
dred more, he hath fair wrapt vp in Parch-  
ment and bound with a whipcord.

And az for Allmanaks of antiquité, (a

C.iii.

point

What Lyn a  
miller is 66?

point for Ephemerides ) I wæne hee can  
 sheaw from Iasper Laet of Anſwarp vnto  
 Noſtradam of Frauns, and thens vnto  
 our John Securiz of Salsbury. To ſtay  
 ye no longer heerin I dare ſay hee hath az  
 fair a library for thæz ſciences, & az many  
 goodly monuments both in proze & poetry  
 & at afternoonz can talk az much without  
 book, az ony Inholder betwixt Bzainford  
 and Bagshot, what degreæ ſoeuer he be.

Beside thiz in the field a good Marshall  
 at muſters: of very great credite & truſt in  
 the toun heer, for he haz been chozē Alecū-  
 ner many a pære, when hiz betterz haue  
 ſtond by: & euer quited himſelf with ſuch  
 eſtimation, az yet too, <sup>the</sup> caſt of a cup of  
 Nippitate, hiz iudgement will be taken a-  
 boue the beſt in the pariſh, be hiz noze near  
 ſo red.

Captain Cox cam marching on valiant-  
 ly befoze, cleen truſt & gartered aboue the  
 knee, all freſh in a beluet cap (maſter Gol-  
 ding lent it him) ſhooziſhing with hiz con-  
 ſword, and another fensmaſter with him:  
 thus in the foreward making room for the  
 reſt. After thē proudly prickt on foymost,  
 the danish launſknights on horſbak, and  
 then the Engliſh: each with their allder  
 poll

poll martially in their hand. Euen at the first entree the meeting waxe sumwhat warm: that by and by kindled with corage abothsidez, grew from a hot skirmish vnto a blazing battail: first by speare and shield, outragious in their racez, az ramz at their rut, with furious encounterz that toggyther they tumbl too the dust, sumtime hors and man: and after fall too it with swoorde & target, good bangz a both sidez; the fight so ceassing, but the battail not so ended, folloed the footmen, both the hostez too after toother: first marching in ranks: then warlik turning, the frō ranks into squadrons, then in too triangelz frō that intoo rings, & so winding oout again: A baliant captain of great prowez az fiers az a fox assaunting a gooz, waz so hardy to giue the first stroke: then get they grilly toggyther: that great waz the activitee that day too be seen thear a both sidez: too very eager for purchaz of pray, tooother vtterly stooout for redemption of libertie: thus, quarrell enflamed fury a both sidez. Twise the Danes had y better, but at the last conflict, beaten down, ouercom and many led captiue for triumph by our English wæmen.

The couen-  
tree play.

This waz the effect of this sheaw, that  
 C. iiii. az



as it was handled, made much matter of good pastime: brought all indeed into the great court, even vnder her highnes window to haue been seen: but (as vnhappy it was for the bride) that came thither too soon, (and yet was it a four a clock). For her highnes beholding in the chamber delectable dauncing indeed: and heere with the great throng and vnrulines of the people, was caused that this solemnitee of Brideale, & dauncing had not the full muster was hoped for: and but a little of the Couentree pleasure her highnes also saw: commaunded therefore on the Tuisday folloing to haue it fulfilled: as accordingly it was presented, whereat her Maiestie laught well: they wear the iocunder, and so much the more because her highnes had giuen them too buckes and five marke in mony to make mery togpyther: they prayed for her Maiesty, long, happily to reign & oft to cum thither that oft they moought see heere: & what, reioycing vpon their ample reward, and what, triumphing vpon the good acceptauns: they daunted their play was neuer so dignified, nor euer any players afore so beatified.

Thus though the day took an end, yet  
 slept

slipt not the night all sleeping away: for as  
neither offis nor obsequy ceased at any  
tyme too the full, to perform the plot his  
honor had appoynted: So, after supper  
was thear a play presented of a very good  
theam, but so set forth by the Actours  
wel handling that pleasure & mirth made  
it seeme very short, though it lasted too  
good ourz and more. But stay master  
Hartyn all is not doon yet.

After the play out of hand, folloed a  
most delicioous and (if I may so terme it)  
an Ambrosiall Banket: whereof, whiche  
I myght more muze at the deintynesse,  
shapen and the cost: or els at the variete &  
number of the disshes (that wear a three  
hundred) for my part I could littel tel the,  
and now lest I assure you. Her maiesty eat  
smally or nothing: which vnderstood, the  
courses wear not so orderly serued & sizely  
set down, but wear by and by as disorder-  
ly wasted & coarsly consumed, more court-  
ly me thought then curteously. But that  
was no part of y<sup>e</sup> matter, mought it pleas  
and be liked & do that it cam for, then was  
all well inough.

Unto this banket thear was appoynt-  
ed a mask: for riches of aray, of an incre-  
dibl

with cost: but the time so far spent and be-  
 ry late in the night now, was caus that  
 it cam not forth to the heaw. And thus  
 for Sunday's season hauing staid too the  
 lenger (according too the matter) heer  
 make I an end: ye maye breath yee a  
 while.

Munday. 10

Psal. 24.

Munday the eyghteenth of this Iuly,  
 the weather being hot, her highnes kept  
 the Castl for coolness, till about fve a  
 clock her Maiesty in the Chase, hunted the  
 hart (as afore) of fozs: that whyther wear  
 it by the cunning of the huntsmen, or by  
 the naturall desyre of the Deer, or els by  
 both: anon he gat him too soyl agayne,  
 which reyzed the accustomed delight: a  
 pastime indeede so intyely pleazant, as  
 whearof at times whoo may haue the ful  
 and free fruition, can find no moze satisfacti-  
 on (I ween) for a recreation, then of theyr  
 good braundes at tyme for their sustenta-  
 tion.

Well, the game was gotten, and her  
 highnes returning: cam thear vppon a  
 swimming Mermayd (that from top too  
 tayl was an eyghteen foot long) Triton  
 Neptunes blaster: whoo, with hiz trūpet  
 foormed of a wrinkld wealk as her Maie-  
 sty



it was in sight, gaue sound very shrill &  
 sonorous, in sign he had an ambassy too  
 pronouns: anon her highnes was cum=  
 men vpon the brydge whearunto he made  
 his fish to swim the swifter, and he then  
 declared: how the supream saltpotent  
 Monarch Neptune, the great God of the  
 swelling seas, Prince of profundities, and  
 Souerain Segnior of al Lakez, fresh=  
 waterz, Riuerz, Crækes, & Goolphs: vn=  
 derstanding how a cruel knight, one syr  
 Bulse sauns pitæ, a mortall enemy vntoo  
 Ladies of estate, had long lye about the  
 banks of this pool in wayt with his bands  
 heer to distress the Lady of þ lake, whear=  
 by she hath been restrayned not only from  
 hauing any vse of her ancient liberty and  
 terricozies in theez parts: but also of ma=  
 king repay: & giuing attēdauis vnto yoo  
 nobl Qnæen(qd. he) as she wold, shee pro=  
 mist, and allso shold: dooth thearfoze sig=  
 nify: and hærto, of yoo as of his good leag  
 and dær frænd make this request, that ye  
 will deyn but too sheaw yoo: parson tow=  
 ard this pool, whearby yoo: only prezens  
 shall be matter sufficient of abandoning  
 this bucurtess knight, and putting all his  
 bands to flight, & also of deliuerauis of  
 the

the lady out of this thralldom. Mouing  
 heerwith from the brydge & flæting more  
 intoo the pool, chargeh he in Neptunes  
 name: both Eolus with al his windez, the  
 waters with hiz springs, hiz fysh & fooul,  
 and all his clients in the same, that they  
 ne be so hardye in any fozs too stur, but  
 keep them calm & quiet while this Quæen  
 be pzezent. At which petition her highnes  
 staving, it appeerd straight hooow sye  
 Bysse became vnseæn, his bands skaled,  
 and the Lady by and by, with her too  
 Nymphs, floting vpon her mooouable I-  
 lands (Triton on hiz mermaid skimming  
 by) approached toward her highnes on the  
 brydge: az well too declare that her Maie-  
 stiez pzezens hath so graciouslye thus  
 wrought her deliuerans, az allso to ex-  
 cuse her not comming to coourt az she  
 promist, and chæfly to pzezent her Ma-  
 iesty (az a token of her duty & good hart)  
 foz her highness recreation with thiz gift,  
 which was Arion that excellēt & famouze  
 Muzicien, in tye & appointmēt straunge  
 well seëming too hiz parson, ryding alofte  
 vpon hiz olde frænd the Dolphin, (that  
 fram hed too tayl waz a foure & twenty  
 foot long) & swymd hard by theez Ilands:  
 heerwith

heerwith Arion for theez great benefitez,  
 after a feaw well couched woꝝds vnto  
 her Maiesty of thanksgyving, in supple-  
 ment of the same : begā a delectabl ditty  
 of a song wel apted too a melodious noiz,  
 compounded of six seuerall instruments  
 al couert, casting sound from y<sup>e</sup> Dolphins  
 belly within, Arion the seauenth sitting  
 thus singing (az I say) withoout.

Now syz, the ditty in miter so aply en-  
 lighted to the matter, and after by boys  
 so deliciously deliuerd: y<sup>e</sup> song by a skilful  
 artist intoo hiz parts so swæty sorted: each  
 part in hiz instrument so clean & sharpely  
 touched, euery instrument again in hiz  
 kind so excellently tunabl : and this in the  
 eūing of the day, resounding from the  
 callm waters : whear pꝛezens of her Ma-  
 iesty & longing too listen had vtterly dam-  
 ped all noyz & dyn : the hole armony con-  
 ueyd in tyme, tune, & temper thus incom-  
 parably melodious : with what pleasure  
 (Master Martin) with what sharpnes of  
 concept, with what lyuely delighte this  
 moought pears into the heerers harts: I  
 pray ye imagin yow self az ye may, for so  
 God iudge me, by all the wit & cunning I  
 haue, I cānot expꝛess, I pꝛomis yow. Mais



*ico bien vieu cela Monsieur, que fort & grāde  
est la pounoyr qu'auoit la tresnoble Science  
de Musique sur les esprites humains. per-  
ceiue ye me: I haue told ye a great mat-  
ter noow. As for me surely I was lulld in  
such liking & so loth too leaue of, y mooch  
a doo a good while after, had I, to fynde  
me whear I waz. And take ye this by the  
way, that for the smal skyl in muzik, that  
God hath sent me (ye kno it iz sumwhat)  
ile set the more by my self while my name  
iz Langham, and grace a God. A, muzik  
iz a nobl Art.*

Knights  
made.

A, stay a while, see a shert wit : by my  
trooth I had almost forgot. This daye  
waz a day of grace beside, whearin wear  
auaunced fyue Gentlemen of woozshippe  
vnto the degre of knighthood, Sir Tho-  
mas Cecyl, sun & heyr vntoo the right ho-  
norabl the Lord Treazorer, Syr Henry  
Cobham, broother vnto the Lord Cobhā,  
Syr Thomas Stanhop, Syr Arthur  
Ballet, and Syr Thomas Tresham: and  
allso by her highnes accustomed mercy &  
charitē, nyne cured of the peynfull and  
daungerous diseaz, called y kings euill,  
for that Kings & Quēnz of this Realm,  
withoout oother medsin (saue only by  
hand

handling & prayerz) only doo cure it: bear with me, though perchauns I place not thoꝝ Gentlemen in my recitall heer, after theyꝝ estatez: for I am neyther good heraud of armes, noꝝ yet know hoom they are set in the Subsidy bookez. Men of great worship I vnderstand they are all.

Tuisday, according to commaundement, cam our Couentre men. what their matter waz, of her highnes myght and good acceptauns, and rewarde bntoo them, and of their reioysing thereat, I sheawd you afore, and so say the less now.

Tuisday. ix

Wednesday in the forenoon, preparacion was in hand for her Maiesty too haue suppt in Wedgenoth, a thre myle west fro the Castl. A goodly park of the Queens Maiestyez: for that cauꝝ, a fayr Pavilion, and other prouision accordingly thither sent & prepared: but by meanz of weather not so cleerly disposed, þ matter waz countermaunded again. That had her highnes hapned this daye too haue cummen abroad: there was made redde a deuise of Goddessez & Nymphes: which as well for the ingenious argument, as for þ wel handling of it in time & endyghting,

Wednes. x.

ting wold vndooutedly haue gaine great  
 lyking & moued no less delight. Of þ par-  
 ticular itēz, whearof I reas to entreat:  
 least like the boongling carpentar, by mis-  
 forting the pēce, I mar a good frame in  
 the bad setting vp, or by my fond tem-  
 pring afore hand embleamish the beauty,  
 when it shold be reard vp in dēde.

A this day allso waz thear such earnest  
 talk & appointment of remouing that I  
 gaue ouer my noting, and harkened after  
 my hoys.

Mary sy? I must tell yoo: Az all ende-  
 uour waz too moue mirth & pastime (az  
 I tolde ye): euen so a ridiculous deuise  
 of an auncient minstrell, & hiz song waz  
 prepared to haue been profferd, if mātē  
 time & place had bēn found for it. Ons in  
 a worshipfull company, whear full ap-  
 pointed, he recounted his matter in sort  
 az it should haue been vttered, I chaunced  
 too be: what I noted, heer thus I tel yoo:  
 A parson very mēt sēmed he for the pur-  
 poze, of a xlv yērs olde apparelled part-  
 ly as he wold himself. Hiz cap of: his hed  
 sēmly rounded conser wyze: say? kembd  
 þ with a sponge deintly dypt in a litle ca-  
 pons greaz was finely smoothed too make  
 it



it shine like a Mallards wing. Hiz beards  
smugly shaven: and yet hiz shypit after the  
nu trick, with ruffs sayr starched, sleeked,  
and glistering like a payr of nu shooz: mar-  
shalld in good order: wyth a stetting stick,  
and stouit that every ruff stood vp like a  
wafet: a side gooun of kendall green, af-  
ter the freshnes of the yær noow, gathe-  
red at the neck with a narro gorget, faste-  
ned afoze with a white clasp and a keepar  
close vp to the chin: but easily for heat too  
bndeo when he list: Sæmly begyt in a red  
caddiz gyrdl: from that a payr of capped  
Sheffield kniuez hanging a to side: Out of  
hiz bozome drawne forth a lappet of his  
napkin, edged with a blu lace, & marked  
with a crusoune, a hart, and ~~Mad~~. for Da-  
mian: for he was but a bachelor yet.

Hiz gooun had syde sleeuez dooun to  
midlegge, slit from the shoulder too the  
hand & lined with white cotten. Hiz doub-  
led sleeuez of blak woozsted, vpon them a  
a payr of popnets of tawny Chamblet la-  
ced a long the wyeast wyth blu threedeen  
points, a wealt toward the hand of fustian  
anapes: a payr of red neatherstocks: a pair  
of pumps on hiz feet with a cross cut at the  
toze for cornz: not nu indæde, yet cleanly

D.i.

blak

blake with soot, & shining as a shoning horn.

About his neck a red rebondurable too  
 his girdle: his harp in good grace depen-  
 dant before him: his waist tyed to a  
 green lace and hanging by: vnder the gor-  
 get of his gown a fair flagon cheyn (pew-  
 ter, for silver) as a squier minstrel of Mid-  
 dlessex, that traualled the cuntry this sum-  
 mer season vnto fair & worshipfull mens  
 houses: fro his cheyn hong a Schoochi-  
 on, with mettall & cooler resplendant by  
 on his breast of the auncient armes of Is-  
 lington: by a question whereof: he, as one  
 that was well schoold, & could his lesson par-  
 fit without booke too answer at full, if  
 question were askt hym, declared: how  
 the worshipfull villiage of Islington in  
 Middelsex, well knowne too bee one of the  
 most auncient and best townes in England  
 next London at this day: for the feythfull  
 frendship of long time shewed as well at  
 Cookez feast in Aldersgate streete yeerely  
 vpon holly Rood day, as also at all solem  
 bydales in the citie of London all the yere  
 after: in well seruing them of furment  
 for porage, not ouersod till it be too weak:  
 of mylk for theyr flawnez, not pild nor  
 chalked: of cream for their custardes, not  
 frothed

strothed nor thynked with flour: and of butter for theyr pasties, and pyepast, nor made of well curds, nor gatherd of whey in sommer: nor mingled in winter with salt butter watered or washt, did obteyne long ago thez woorthypfull armes in cooler & soother as yee see: which are the armes a field argent, as the field and ground in deed, wherein the milkwiues of this woorthy tooun, and every man els in hys faculty doth trade for his living: on a Fess Tenny thre platez betwene thre milke tankers proper. The thre milke tankers, as the proper vessell wherein the substaunce, and matter of their trade is too and fro transported. The Fess Tenny, which is a cooler betokening dout & suspition: so as suspicion & good heed taking, as wel to their markets & seruants, as to their customers & they trust not too farre: may bring vnto them placez, that is coynd syluer: thre, that is sufficient and plentie, for so that number in Armoys may well signifie.

For Crest vpon a wad of ste strawe for a wreath a boll of furmenty: Wheat (as yee know) is the most precious gyft of Ceres, and in the midst of it, sticking a dozen of hoznsponz in a bunch as the in-

The horn  
spoonz.

D. ii.

tru:



struments meetest too eate surmenty po-  
 rage wythall: a doozen, az a number of  
 plenty compleat for full cheere of a ban-  
 ket, and of horn, az of a substauns moze e-  
 stimabl the: iz made for a great deel: be-  
 ing nether so churlish in weight az iz met-  
 tall: noz so froward and byttel to manure,  
 az stone, noz yet so soily in vse noz roough  
 to the lips az wood iz: but lyght, plyaunt,  
 and smooth, that with a littl licking wooll  
 allweiz be kept az clen az a dy. With pooz  
 paciens Gentlemen (quoth the minstrel) be  
 it said: wear it not in deede that hozn bee  
 so plentie, hoznware I beleue woold bee  
 moze set by than it iz, and yet are thear in  
 our parts that wyll not stik too auow,  
 that many an honest man both in citee and  
 cuntry hath had hiz hoous by hozning well  
 byhollden, and a daily frend allso at need.  
 And thiz with your fauour may I further  
 affirm: a very ingenioous parson waz hee,  
 that for dignitee of the stuff, coulde thus by  
 spooning deuise, to aquauns the hozn so  
 neer too the hed.

With great congruens also wear thez  
 hoznsponz put too the wheat: az a token  
 and porcion of, Cornucopia, the hozn of  
 Achelous, which the Naiades did fil with  
 all

all good frutez, corn & grain: & after did  
consecrate vnto aboundauns and plenty.

This skoochion with beaſtz very aptly  
agreëing both to the armz and to the trade  
of the bearerz, gloriooſly ſupported, Be-  
tween a gray Mare (a beaſt meeteſt for  
carying of mylktankards) her pannell on  
her bak, az alwayz redde for ſeruis at  
euery feaſt and bydale at neede, her tail  
ſplayd at moſt eaz: and her filly ſole, fallo  
and a flaren mane after the ſyre.

In the ſkro vnder grauen (quothee) iz  
the ar a proper woord, an hemiſtichi, well  
ſquaring with al the reſt, taken out of Sa-  
lerns chapter, of things that moſt nooriſh  
mans body: Lac, Caſeus infans. That iz  
good milke and yoong cheez. And thus  
mooch Gintlmen, and pleaſe you (quothee)  
for the armz of our woorthipfull cooun.  
And the ar withal made a manerly leg, and  
ſo held his peas.

Salern. ca.

Az the company palized and the min-  
ſtrel ſeemde to gape after a praiſe for his  
Beauparlar: and bicauſe he had renderd his  
leſſon ſo well: Saiz a good fello of the cū-  
pany, I am ſory to ſee how mooch the  
poore miniſtrel miſtakez the matter: for  
indeed the armez are thus.

D.iii.

Thre

Thre milk tankers proper in a feld  
 of clouted cream, thre green cheez vpon  
 a sheaf of cakehead. The fymenty boll  
 and hoznsponz:cauz their profit coms all  
 by hozned beastz. Supported by a Mare  
 with a gald back, & thearfore still couerd  
 with a pannell, fisking with her tail  
 for flyez, and her filly sole neyng after the  
 dam for suk. This word Lac, Causus in-  
 fans. That is, a fresh cheez and cream, &  
 the comen cry that cheez milkwiuez make  
 in London strettes yerly, betwixt Easter  
 and whitsontide:and this iz the very mat-  
 ter I kno it well inough, and so ended hiz  
 tale, and late him dooun again.

Herat e uery man laught a good, saue  
 the minstrell: that thoogh the fool wear  
 made priuy, all waz but for sport, yet too  
 see him self, thus crost with a contrary kis  
 that hee lookt not for, wold straight haue  
 geen ouer all, wazt very wayward, eager  
 and soour: hoo w be it last by sum entreaty  
 & many sayz words, with sak & suger, we  
 sweetned him againe, and after becam az  
 mery az a py. Appeerez then a fresh, in  
 hiz ful formalitee with a louely look: after  
 thre loly courtesez, cleered his vois with a  
 hem and a reach, and spat out withal, wi-  
 ped



ped his lips with the hollo of his hand, for  
 fpling his napkin, temperd a string or too  
 with his weast : and after a littl warb-  
 ling on his harp for a prelude, came forth  
 with a sollem song, warraunted for story King Ar-  
 out of king Arthurs acts, the first booke thurs book,  
 and 26. chapter, whearof I gate a copy,  
 and that iz this.

SO it befell vpon a Pentecost day,  
 When king Arthur at Camelot kept court riall,  
 With his cumly Queen dame Gayncour the gay.  
 And many bolle Barrons sitting in hall,  
 Ladies apparaild in purpl and pall,  
 When herauds in hukes herried full by  
 Largest Largest cheualiers treshardy.

A doouty Dwarf too the vppermost deas  
 Right peartly gan prik and knœeling on knee,  
 With steuen full stcoute amids all the preas,  
 Said hail syr king, God thee saue and see,  
 King Ryens of Northgalez grœetech well thee,  
 And bids that thy beard anon thou him send,  
 Or els from thy lawz he will it of rend,

For his robe of state, a rich skarlet mantell,  
 With a leauen kings beards bozozed aboout,  
 Hee hath made late, and yet in a cancell  
 Of late late & made

It least a place the twelfth to make sount:  
 Thear churmast stand, bee thou neuer so stout,  
 This must bee doon I tell thee no fabl,  
 Hawgre the poour of all thy round tabl.

¶ When this mortall message from his mouth was  
 Great was the bruce in hall and in boour, (past  
 The king fumed, þ queen shrieked, ladies wear agast,  
 Princes pufte, Barnz blustered, Lordz begā too loour,  
 Knights stampd, squirez startld az steedz in a stoour.  
 Peemen and pagez yeald oout in the hall,  
 Thearwith cam in Syr Raynys Seneschall.

¶ Splens my suffrainz quoth the courteyz knight,  
 And in that stoound the thearm becam still,  
 The Dwarfs dynner full deerly was dight,  
 For wine and wastell hee had at his will,  
 And when hee had eaten and fed his fill.  
 One hundred peeces of coynded gould,  
 Wear given the Dwarfe for his message bollo.

¶ Say too Syr Ryens thou Dwarf quoth the king,  
 That for his proud message I him defy,  
 And shortly with basinz and panz will him ring,  
 Dout of Northgalez whearaz hee and I  
 With sweards and no razerz shall vicerly try,  
 Which of vs both iz the better Barber:  
 And thearwith he shook his swoord Excalaber.

At this, the minstrell made a pauz & a curtizy, for Primus passus. More of the song iz thear, but I gat it not, Az for the matter had it cum to the sheaw, I think the fello would haue handled it well y<sup>e</sup>noough.

Her highnes carryed at Kyllingworth tyll the wednesday after, being the 27 of this Iuly, and the nintēth (inclusive) of her Maiesties cumming thither.

For which seuen daiz, perceyuing my notez so slenderly aunswering: I tooke it lest blame, too ceas & thearof too write you nothing at al, the in such matterz to write nothing likely, And so mooch the rather (az I haue well bechought me) that if I dyd but ruminat the dayz I haue spoken of, I shall bring oout yet sumwhat more, meet for your appetite, (thoogh a deinty tooth haue ye) which I beleue your tender stomak will brook wel inoough.

Thearof part iz: fyrst how according to her highnes name ELIZABETH, which I heer say oout of the Hebru signifieth (among oother) the Seauenth of my God: diuerz things heer, did soo iustly in number square with the same. Az fyrst, her highnes hither cumming in this seauenth

The seauenth.



uenth moonth: then, presented with the  
seauen presents of the seauen Gods: and  
after with the melody of the seauen soz-  
ted muzik in the dollyphin, the Lakeladies  
gyft.

Then too consider, how fully the Gods  
(as it seemed) had conspyred most magni-  
ficently in aboundauns too bestow theyr  
influencez & gyfts vpon her court thear  
too make her Maiesty merry.

Saturn and  
Pallas,

Sage Saturn himself in parson (that  
hycauz of his lamie leg could not so well  
stur) in chayr thearfore too take order  
with the graue officerz of household, hol-  
pen in deed with the good aduise of his  
prudent Neef Pallas: That no vnruly  
body or disquiet, disturb the nobl assem-  
ble, or els be ons so bolld too enter with-  
in the Castl gatez. Away with al rascallz,  
captiueez, melācholik, waitward, froward,  
Coniurerz, and Usurerz, and to haue la-  
bozers and vnderwoorkmen for y beauti-  
fying of ony place, alwey at hand as they  
shold be commaunded.

Iupiter,

Iupiter. Sent parsonagez of hy honor  
& dignitee: Barons, Lords, Ladies, Iuges  
Bishops, Lawyerz, Doctors: with them,  
vertu, noblgest, equitee, liberalitee & copas  
flow:

on: due seazō, & fayr weather: sauing that  
 at the petition of hiz dēer sister Ceres, he  
 graūted a day or too of sum sweet shourz  
 for rypening of her corn that waz so well  
 set, & too set forward haruest: Heerwith,  
 bestoed he such plenty of pleazant thun-  
 der, lightning, & thūderbolts: by hiz hal-  
 ting sun & fyer master, Vulcan stil fresh &  
 fresh framed: alweyꝝ so frequent, so intel-  
 labl, & of such cōtinuauis in the spēding  
 (az I partly tolde ye) cōsumed: that surely  
 he seemz too be az of poour inestimabl: so,  
 in stoꝛe of municion, vntwastabl: for all  
 Ouids censure that saiz. (tat

*Si quoties peccant homines sua fulmina mit  
 Iupiter: exiguo tempore inermis erit.*

(mē offend,  
 If Ioue shoold shoot hiz thūderbolts az oft az  
 I sure yoo hiz artillery wold soon be at an end

What a number of estatez & of nobi-  
 litē had Iupiter assembled thear, gess yē  
 by this: that of soꝛt woꝛshipfull thear  
 wear in the coꝛt dayly aboꝛde fourty,  
 whearof the meynest, of a thowzā mark  
 yērlly reuenu, and many of moꝛch moꝛe.  
 This greāt gyft byside, did hiz deitē call  
 vpon her highnes, too haue fayr & seazo-  
 nabl weather at her poun appointment:

Accoꝝ

According whearvnto, her Maiestye so  
had. For her gracious pzezens thearfoze  
with this great gift indewed, Lichfeld,  
Worcester, and Hiddelton, with manye  
placez mo, made humbl sute vntoo her  
highnes too cum: too such whearof as her  
maiesty coold, it cam: and they seazon ac-  
ceptabl.

Phabus.

Phcebus, Beside his continuall & most  
delicious muzik (az I haue toold yoo) ap-  
pointed he Princes too adoo urn her high-  
nes court. Coounselez, Herauds, and  
fanguine yooth, pleazaunt & mery, costlie  
garments, learned Physicianz, & no neede  
of them.

Iuno.

Iuno, Golld cheynez, Duchez, Jewels  
of gret pze & rich attyre, woorn in moch  
grace & good besenning without pryde, or  
emulation of any.

Mars.

Mars. Captainz of good conduct, Men  
skylfull in feats of armz, pollicik in stra-  
tagemz, Good coorage in good quarelz, va-  
liant, & wizehardy: Abandoning pik quar-  
rels & ruffianz: appoynting also Hurly-  
uauants, currarz & postz still feding her  
highnes with nuzze & intelligencez from  
all parts.

Venus.

Venus. Vntoo the Ladyez & Gentl-  
women



wemen: beauty, good fauour, cumlinesse,  
galāt attyre, dauncing with cumly grace  
sweet vois in song & pleazant talke with  
exp̄ess cōmaundment & charge vnto her  
sunn on her blessing, that he shoote not a  
shaft in the Court all the while her high-  
nes remayned at killingwooꝝth.

Mercuri. Learned men in Sciencez,  
Poets, Merchants, Painterz, Caruerz,  
Players, Engyners, Deuyserz & dexteri-  
tie in handling of all pleazant attempts. Mercuri

Luna. Calm nights for quiet rest, and  
syluer moonshine, that nightly in deede  
shone for most of her Maiestyez heeing  
theat. Luna,

Blinde Plutus. Bags of moony, Custu-  
merz. Exchaungers, Bankers, Store of  
riches in plate and in coyn. Plutus.

Bacchus. Full Cups euery whear, eu-  
ry oour of al kynds of wyne. Bacchus.

Theat waz no deintee that the Sea  
coold yeld, but Neptune (thoough his  
reign at the neerest ly well ny a hundred  
mile of) did dayly send in great plenty,  
sweet and freash. As for freashwater fish,  
the store of all soꝛts waz aboundant. Neptune.

And hoo w bountiful Ceres in pꝛouizion  
waz, gessye by this: that in lyttel moze then  
a thre Ceres.

a thre dayz space, 72. tunn of Ale & Beere  
 was ppept by quite : what that mighte  
 whisled with it of bread beside meat, I re-  
 port me to you. And yet master Control-  
 ler, master Coserar and diuerz officers of  
 the Court, sum honozabl, and sundrye  
 right woozshipfull placed at Warwik  
 for more room in the Castl. But  
 heer was no ho Master Martin in de-  
 uout drinkeing allwey : that brought a  
 lak vnlookt for, which being knoen too  
 the Woozshipfull my Lords good neigh-  
 boourz, cam thear in a too dayz space fro  
 sundry friendz : a releef of a xl. tunn, till  
 a nu suply was gotten agayn : and then  
 too our drinkeing a freshe az fast az euer  
 we did.

Flora.

Flora. Abrode & wichin the hows mini-  
 stred of flourz so great a quantitee: of such  
 swet saucour, so beautifullly hued, so large  
 and fayr of ppropozion, and of so straunge  
 kinde & shapz, that it was great plea-  
 sure too se : & so mooch the more, az thear  
 was great store yet counterfet & foormed  
 of featherz by art, lyke glorioous too the  
 sheaw az wear the naturall.

Protheus.

Protheus. Hiz Tumbler that coold  
 by nimblness cast himself intoo so ma-  
 ny

ny footings & factions.

Pan. Hiz mery moorys dauns with their Pan.  
pype & taber.

Bellona. Her quintine knights & proper Bellonas  
bickeringes of the Couentree men.

Polyphemus. Neptunez sun & heyr (let Polyph-  
him I pray & it be but for hiz fathers sake mus.  
and for his good wyll, be allowed for a  
God, with hiz bearez hiz bearwhealps and  
bandogs.

Aeolus. Hollbing bp hiz windez while Aeolus.  
her highnes at any tyme took pleasure on  
the water, and staying of tēpests during  
abode heer.

Sylvanus. Beside hiz plentifull prouizion Sylvanus.  
of fowle for deyrty braunds, his pleasaunt  
and swēt singing byrds : whearof I will  
sheaw yoo moze anon.

Echo. Her wel endighted dialog.

Faunus. Hiz ioly Saunage.

Genius loci. Hiz tempzing of al things  
within & without, with apt tyme & place  
too pleasure & delight.

Then the thræ Charites : Aglaia, Charites.  
with her lightsum gladnes. Thalia her  
flooishing freshnes. Euphrosyne, her  
cheerfullnes of spirite, and with theez  
thre in one assent Concordia : with  
her



her amité and good agrément. That too hooow great effects their poourz weare pooured out heer among vs, let it be iudged by this: that by a multytude thus met of a thre or foure thousand e- uery day: and diuerz dayz more, of so sundry degrees, professions, ages, appetitz, dispositions & affections: such a dylce of tyme was thear passed, with such amité, looue, pastime, agrément, and obediens whear it shoold: and without quarrel, iarring, grudging, or (that I could heer) of yll woord between any. A thing master Martin very rare & straunge, and yet no more straunge then tru.

parce.

The Parce (as earst I shoold haue sayd) the first night of her Maiesties cumming: they heering & seeing so precious add heer at a place vnlookt for, in an vplodish cuntrye so far within the Reame: preassing into euery sted whear her highnes went, whearby so buddid with such varietee of delyghts, did set aside their huswiferye, could not for their hartes tend their work a whyt. But after they had seen her Maiesty a bed, gat them a prying into euery place, olde hags, as fond of nuellries, as poong girls that had neuer seen Court as-  
foze

foze : but neyther full, w<sup>th</sup> gazing nor  
 wery w<sup>th</sup> gadding, least of yet for that  
 time, and at high midnight, gate them  
 gigling, (but not aloud) into the p<sup>re</sup>zens  
 Chamber: minding indeed w<sup>th</sup> their p<sup>re</sup>-  
 zent diligens, to recompens their former  
 slaknes.

So, setting them selues thus down to  
 their woork: alas sayz Atropos I haue  
 lost my sheers: Lachesis laught apace and  
 wold not draw a thred: And thinke ye  
 dames that he hold the distaff whyle both  
 ye sit idle: why so by my mootherz soll ow.  
 Clotho. Thearwith sayz Iapt in a fine  
 lawe the spindel and tok, that waz dizen  
 w<sup>th</sup> pure purpl sylk, layd they safely by  
 togyther: that of hir Maistyez distaff for  
 an eigheten dayz, thear waz not a thred  
 spoun I assure you.

The two sisters after that, (I hard say)  
 began their woork again: how long may they  
 continu, but Atropos hard no tydings of  
 her sheers, and not a man that moned her  
 loss. She iz not beloued surely, for this cause  
 I tell you: that whither it bee for hate too  
 the hag, or looue to her highnes, or els for  
 both: euery man prayz God she may ne-  
 uer find them for that woork, and so pray I

dayly and duly w<sup>th</sup> the delectation  
 : Thus partly we perceiue noab, how  
 greatly the Gods can do for mortals, and  
 how mooch alway they looue what they  
 like: that what a gentl Ioue may this  
 thus curteously too contriue heer such a  
 reyn of Gods: May then rather, matter  
 therein (to euen out of our poeticalities,  
 & too talk yn more serious terms) what  
 a magnificent lord may we iustly account  
 him, that could so highl cast order for such  
 a Jupiter & all his Gods besid: that none  
 w<sup>th</sup> his influens good w<sup>or</sup>th nor p<sup>re</sup>etty  
 wear waning: but shall we stand at hand  
 in such order and abondance for the hono-  
 ring and delight of so high a Prince, our  
 most gracious Quēn & soverain. Aprins  
 (I say) so singular in preeminens & w<sup>or</sup>-  
 shines aboue al other Princes, and dig-  
 nitez of our time: though I make no co-  
 parison too peerz past: to him that in this  
 point, either of ignorances (if any such can  
 be) or els of maleuolens would make any  
 doout: Sit liber iudex (as they say) let him  
 look on the matter, and answer himself,  
 he has not far too trauell:

As for the Amplitude of his Lordships  
 mynde: all bee it that I poor soll can in-



conceit no more attain vntoo, then Iudge  
of a gem whearof I haue no skill : ye,  
thoogh daily wain & resplendant in myne  
ey : yet sum of the vertuze and proprietiez  
thearof, in quantitee or qualitee so appa-  
raunt az cannot be hidden but seene of all  
men. moought I be the holder too rea-  
port her vnto yoo: but as for the valu yoor  
iewellers by their Carrets let them call  
and they call.

And fyrst: who that considerz, vntoo  
the stately seat of Kenelworth Castell, the  
rare beauty of bilding that his honor hath  
auaunced: all of the hard quarry stene: e-  
uery room so spacious, so well belighted,  
and so hy roofed within. So seemely too  
sight by du proportio without a day time  
on euerye side so glittering by glasse, a  
nights by continuall bryghenesse of candel  
fyre & torchlight transparent throogh the  
lyghtsom wyndoz, az it wear the Egyptian  
Pharos relucant vntoo all the Alexandria  
coast: or els (too tallke merily with my  
merp freend) thus radiaunt, as thoogh  
Phoebus for his eaz woold rest him in the  
Castl, and not euery night so to trauell  
dooun vnto the Antipodes. Vcertaine so  
fully furnisht of rich apparell & vtensiles

The Gar-  
den.

apted in all pointes to the best.

Untoo thiz, hiz honoꝝ exquisite appoint-  
ment of a beautifull Garden, an aker oꝝ  
moze of quantitee that lyeth on the north  
thear. Whearin hard all along the Castl  
wall iz reared a pleazaunt Series of a  
ten foot hy & a twelue brode: æuen vnder  
foot & fresh of fyne grass: az iz allso the side  
thearof toward the gardein, in whiche by  
sundꝝ equall distaunces: with obelisks,  
sphearz, and white bearz all of stone vpo  
theyꝝ curiouz bases, by goodly shew wear  
set: too theez, too fine arbers redolent by  
sweet trees and flowerz, at ech end one, the  
garden plot vnder that, with sayꝝ alleys  
green by grass, æuen voided from the boꝝ-  
derz a both sydes, and sum (foꝝ chaunge)  
with sand, not light oꝝ to soft, oꝝ soilly by  
dust, but smooth and fyꝝme, pleasaunt too  
walk on, az a sea shore when the water iz  
auaile: then, much gracified by du pꝝo-  
potion of four æuen quarterz: in yꝝ midst  
of each, vpon a base a too foot square, & by,  
samly boꝝderd of it self, a square pilaster  
rizing pyramidally of a fyfteen foote hy:  
Symmetrically pꝝerced through frō a foot  
beneath, vntill a too foot of the top: whear  
vpon, foꝝ a Capitell, an Orb of a ten in-  
ches



ches thik: euery of theez (with hiz base)  
from the groound too the top of one hole  
pees, heawen oout of hard Porphyry, and  
with great art & hãd (thinks me) thycher  
conueyd & thear erected.

Whear further allso by great cast & cost  
th. swætnes of sauour on all sidez, made  
so respirant frõ the redolent plants and  
fragrãt earbs and flouurz, in foorm, cool-  
ler and quantitee so deliciously variant:  
and frute Trees bedecked with their Ap-  
plz, Peares and ripe Cherrepez.

And vnto theez in the midst, agaynst þ The Cage  
Terres: a square cage, sumptuous and  
beautifull, ioynd hard to the North wall  
(that a that side garbs the gardein, as the  
gardein the Castell) of a rare foorm and ex-  
cellency was reyzed: in heyth a twentye  
foot, thyrty long, and a foourteen bryde.  
From the ground strong & close, reared  
brest by, whearat a soyl of a fayr mool-  
ding was couched all about: From  
that byward, four great wyndoꝝ a fronte  
and too at each end, euery one a fyue foot  
wide, az many mo euen aboue them, di-  
uided on all parts by a transam and Ar-  
chitraue so likewise raunging about þ  
Cage. Each windo arched in the top, and



parted from eother in eeven distauns by  
 flat sayp bolted Columns, all in soozm &  
 beauty like, that supported a cumly Cor-  
 nish couched al along vpon y hole square.  
 Which with a wire net, finely knit, of ma-  
 thez size square, an inch wyde (az it wear  
 for a flat roof) and likewise the space of e-  
 uery window with great cunning and cum-  
 lines, æuen and tight waz al overstrained  
 Under the Cornish again, euery part beau-  
 tified with great Diamons, Emeraunds,  
 Rubyes and Saphyres : poynted, table,  
 rok and rooand garnisht with their golde,  
 by skilfull hed and hand, and by toyl and  
 pensil, so lyuely exprest, az it mought bee  
 great marueil and pleasure to consider  
 how neer excellency of art could appproch  
 vnto perfection of nature.

Beare with me good cuntryman thooogh  
 thinges be not sheawd heer az well az I  
 woold, or az well as they shoold. For in  
 ded I can better imagin & cōcepue that I  
 se, then wel better or duly declare it. Holes  
 wear thear also and cauerns in orderly di-  
 stauns & facion, boyded intoo the wall az  
 wel for heat, for coolnes, for roost a nightz  
 & refuge in weather, az allso for breeding  
 when tyme iz. Dore, sayp eeven and fresh  
 holle

holly trees for pearching and p[ro]v[er]sing set  
 within, tooke at each end one. Heereto  
 their diversitie of meats, they fine severall  
 vessels for their water, and sundry grainz.  
 And a man skilful and diligent to looke to  
 them and tend them.

But (shall I tell you) the silver sounded  
 Lute, withoout the sweet tooch of hand:  
 the glorious goolden cup, withoout the  
 fresh fragrant wine, or the rich ring with  
 gem, without the saye feathered synger:  
 is nothing indeede in his proper grace &  
 ble: Euen so his Honor accounted of this  
 mansion, till he had plast thear tenauntes  
 according. Had it thearfore replenishe  
 with lively Burds, English, French, Spa-  
 nish, Canarian, and (I am deceaued if I  
 saw not sum) African. Wherby, whither  
 it becam more delightsum in chaunge of  
 tunez and armony too the eare: or els in  
 differens of coollerz, kyndez & propertyez  
 too the ey, Ile tell you if I can whē I haue  
 better be thought me.

One day (Master Martin) as the Gardin The Gardi-  
 door was open, & her highnes a hunting by<sup>ner.</sup>  
 licens of my good frēnd Adria, I cam in at  
 a bek, but would skant out with a thrust:  
 for sure I was loth so soon to depart.

Well

Well may this (Dapper Darcyn) bee  
 sumwhat too magnitude of mynde, but  
 more thearof az ye shall kno, more canz ye  
 shall haue so too thinke: heer out what I tel  
 yoo, and tell me when we meet.

The Foun-  
 tain.

In the center (az it wear) of this goodly  
 Gardem, was theer placed a very fayre  
 Fountaine, cast into an eight square, re-  
 ared a four foot hy, from the midst whear-  
 of a Colum by set in shape of too Ath-  
 lants ioined togeather a backhalf, the toon  
 looking East, toother West, with theyr  
 hands vphollding a fayr formed boll of a  
 thre foot ouer: from wheans sundrye fine  
 pipez, did liuely distill continuall streamz  
 intoo the recept of the Fountayn: mayn-  
 teyned styll too foot deap by the same fresh  
 falling water: whearin pleazauntly play-  
 ing too & fro & round about Carp, Tench,  
 Bream, and for varietee, Pearch & Cel,  
 fysh fayrliking all and large, in the toppe  
 the ragged staffe: which, with the boll, the  
 pillar, and eyght sides beneath, wear all  
 beawen oout of rich & hard white Marbl.  
 A one syde, Neptune with hiz Tridentall  
 Fuskyn triumphing in hiz Throne, tray-  
 led into the deap by his marine hozsez.  
 On an other, Thetis in her chariot drazon  
 by



by her Dollphins. Then Triton by his  
 fishes. Hæc Protheus hearing his sea  
 bulls. Thear Doris & her dooughterz so-  
 lacyng a sea & sandz. The wauez soour-  
 ging with froth & some, entermengled in  
 place, with whalez, whirlpoolz, sturgeonz,  
 Tunneyz, Conchs & wealks: all engraue  
 by exquisit deuize and skill, so az I maye  
 thinke this not much inferiour vntoo  
 Phœbus gatez, which (Ouid sayz) & per-  
 aduentur a pattern to this, p Vulcan him  
 self dyd cut: whearof such was the excel-  
 lency of art, that the woork in valu sur-  
 mpounted the stuff, and yet wer the gatez  
 all of clean massy syluer.

Metam. 1

Hæc wear thinges ye see moought en-  
 flame ony mynde too long after looking:  
 but whoo so was found so hot in desyre,  
 with the wreast of a Tok was sure of a  
 coolar: water spurning vpward with such  
 behemency, az they shoold by & by be moy-  
 stned from top too to . The hæes to sum  
 laughing, but the shæes to moze sport.

This sumtime waz occupied to very good  
 pastime.

A Garden then so appoynted, az whearin  
 a loft vpon swæt shadoed wallk of Ter-  
 res, in heat of Soomer, too fæl the plea-  
 zaunt

zallit whylking winde aboue, or delectabl  
 coolnes of the fountaine spring beneath:  
 Too tast of delicious strawberiez, cher-  
 ryez & cother frutez æuen frō their stalks:  
 Too smell such fragrancie of swēt odourz  
 breaching from the plants earbs & flouurz:  
 Too heer such naturall melodiduous mu-  
 sik, and tunez of burds. To haue in ey, for  
 myrth sumtyme theez vnderfpynging  
 streamz: then, the woods, the waters (for  
 both pool & chase wer hard at hād in sight)  
 the deer, the peepl (that oout of the East  
 arber in the base coourt, allso at hande in  
 view) the frute trees, the plants, the earbs,  
 the flouurz, the chaunge in coolers, the  
 Burds flyttering, the fountaine strea-  
 ming, the fpyth swymming: all in such  
 Delectabl varietæ, order dignitæ: whear-  
 by at one moment in one place, at hande  
 without trauell too haue so full fruition  
 of so many Gods blessinges, by entyer de-  
 light vnto al sencez (if al cā take) at ones:  
 for Etymon of the woord woozthy to bæ  
 callid Paradyss: and though not so goodly  
 as Paradis for want of the sayd Riuerz,  
 yet better a great deel by the lak of so vn-  
 happy a træ. Argument most certein of a  
 right nobl minde, that in this sort coold  
 haue

Paradisus.  
 Grec.  
 Hortus a-  
 meniss.  
 Aut He-  
 bræc. Par-  
 des id est.  
 Hortus.

haue thus all contriued.

But Master Martin, yet one wyndlesse must I featch, too make ye one more sayz: The nūber 1 and I can: and cauz I speak of one: let me tel you a littel of the dignitie of one-hood, whearin all weyze, al by Deitee al Soueraintee, Preaminens, Principalitee and Concord without possibilitie of disagreement iz conteyned. As one God, one Dauidour, one Feith, one Prins, one Sun, one Phenix, and as one of great wisdom sayz: one hart, one wey. Wehear onehood reinz: ther quiet bears rule, & disoord fliez a pase. Thre again may signify company, a meeting, a multitude, pluralitee: so as all talez and numbringz fro too vnto thre, and so vppward, may well be couated numbertz, till they mount vnto infinitie, or els too confusion, which thing the sum of Too can neuer admit: nor it self can well bee counted a number, but rather a frendly coniunction of too ones, that keeping in a synceritee of accord, may purpoze vnto vs, Charitee each too other, mutuall loue, agreement & integritee of friendship without dissimulation. As iz in thez. The too Testamentes. The too Tables of the Law. The too great lights: Duo lumina-



ria magna: The Sun & Moon. And but  
 mark a lyttl I pray, and see how of all  
 things in the world, our tooings in talk  
 doo alwey so redily trip vpon tooz payz  
 & cooplz: sumtyme as of things in equa-  
 lity sumtime of differens, sumtime of cō-  
 trariez, or for cōparyson, but chæfly for  
 the most part, of things that betwæen the-  
 seluez do well agree & ar fast linked in a-  
 mitee: Az fyrst for pastymez houndes and  
 hawks: deer, red & fallo, hare & fox, par-  
 trich & sezaunt, fysh & fooul, carp & tench.  
 For warz, spear & sheeld, hors & harneis,  
 swoord & bukler: for sustenauns, wheat &  
 barley, peaz and beanz, meat and drinke,  
 bread & meat, beer & ale, appls and pearz.

But least by such dualiteez I draw yoo  
 too far: let vs heer stay, and cum nêrer  
 home. See what a sort of frændly bini-  
 teez we our seluez doo consist & stond vpon.  
 Fyrst our too feet, too legs, too knêez,  
 so vpwârd: and abooue, too shoolderz, too  
 armz & too hâds. But chæfly our principll  
 Too, that iz, body and soll: then in the hed  
 whear all our sensez meet, and almost  
 all in Too: too nozethrills, too earz and  
 too eyz So ar we of frændly Too, from  
 top too to. Wel, to this number of bini-  
 teez,

take ye one mo for an byshot, & heer  
 an end. Cos Dyallyn vnto the battil-  
 ments ar set aloft vpon too of the liuez of The too  
Diall.  
 Cezarz toour one East, thooother South  
 for so stond they best to sheaw the ourz too  
 the tooun & cuntræ: both saye large and  
 rich, by byse for grownd & goold for letterz  
 whearby they glitter conspicuous a great  
 wey of. The klokbell that iz good & shrill,  
 waz commaunded too silens at first, and  
 in dede sang not a note all the while her  
 highnes waz thear, the klok stood also still  
 withall. But mark noow, whither wear it  
 by chauns, by constellation of starz, or by  
 fatall appoyntment (if fatez and starz doo  
 deal with dialz.) Thus waz it in dede:  
 The handz of both the tablz stood firm and The Diall  
at ii. a klok.  
 fast, allweyz poynying too iust too a klok,  
 still at too a klok. Which thing beholding  
 by hay at first: but after seriously mar-  
 king in dede, enprinted into me a deepe  
 sign & argument certein. That this thing  
 amoong the rest, waz for full signifiangs  
 of his Lordships, honorabl, rāk, frendly,  
 and nobl hart toward al estates. Which,  
 whither cum they to stay & take cheer, or  
 straight to retorne: too see, or to be seene:  
 sum they for duty to her Maiesty or loue  
 too

too hitz Lordship, or for both: Cum they  
 early or late: for his Lordships part, they  
 cum allwey all at too a clok cen iump at  
 too a clok: That iz to say in good harte,  
 good acceptauns, in amitee and freendlye  
 wellicoom. Who saw els that I saw, in  
 right must say az I say. For so manye  
 thinges byside, w<sup>h</sup> after Humfrey wear  
 heerin so consonant vnto my construction,  
 that thiz pop<sup>u</sup>ring of the clok (to my self)  
 I took in amitee as an oracle certain. And  
 heer iz my windlesse, lyke poo<sup>r</sup> coo<sup>r</sup>se as  
 pleaz<sup>e</sup> ye.

But noow for too cum to cend. For re-  
 ceuying of her hignes, and entertainment  
 of all thooother estatez. Syns of delicatez  
 that ony wey mought serue or delight: az  
 of wyne, spice, deyn<sup>t</sup>y biaunds, place Du-  
 zik, ornaments of hoous, rich arras & sylk  
 (too say noth<sup>g</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> meaner thinges) the  
 mass by prouizion waz heaped so heouge,  
 which the bocunty in spending did after  
 he w<sup>h</sup>ay. The conceit so deep in casting the  
 plat at first. Such a wisdom and cum-  
 ming in acquiring thinges so rich, so rare,  
 and in such abundauns: by so immens<sup>e</sup>  
 & profuse a charge of expens, whiche by so  
 honozabl<sup>e</sup> seruis & exquisite order, curteizy  
 of



of officerz and humanité of al, wear after  
so bountifullly bestowed and spent, what may  
this expresse, what may this set out vnto  
vs, but only a magnifick minde, a singular  
wisdom, a princely purs, and an heroicall  
heart: If it wear my theam Master Mar-  
tyn, too speake of his Lordships great ho-  
nor & magnificens, though it be not in me  
to say sufficiently, as bad a penclark as I  
am, yet could I say a great deal more.

But being heer now in magnificens, &  
matters of greatnes: it falls wel too mynd.

The greatnes of his honors Tent, that  
for her Maiestyes dining was pighte at  
lang Ichington, the day her highnes came  
to Killingworth Castl. A tabernacle indeed  
for number and shift of large and goodlye  
roomz, for saye & easy offices both inward  
& outward al so likeli in order & eyght:  
that iustly for dignité may be comparabl  
with a beautifull Pallais, & for greatnes  
& quārité with a proper tooun, or rather  
a Cittadell. But to be short, least I keepe  
you too long from the Ryall Exchaunge  
now, and too cauze you conceyue mooche  
matter in frailest woordes. the Iron  
hedged of Og the King of Basan (ye wet)  
was foure pards and a halfe long, and too

The great  
Tent,

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pards

yards wide, whereby ye consider a Gy-  
aunt of a great proportion was he. This  
Tent had seauen cart lode of pynz pertey-  
ning too it: now for the greatness, gest  
az ye can.

And great az it was (too marshall our  
matters of greatnes together) not forget-  
ting a Weather at Grafton, brought too  
the Court, that for body and wooll was ex-  
ceeding great, the measure I toke not, let  
me shew you with what great maner a  
great Chyld of Lepeceter shire, at this lōg-  
Ichington, by the Parents was present-  
ted: great (I say) of limz & proportion  
of a foor foot & foor inches by: and els-  
lanuginous az a lad of epghtēn yēerz,  
bēing indeede auowd too be but six yēer-  
old: nothing more bewraying hīz age thē  
hīz wit: that was, az for thooz yēerz sim-  
pl & childish.

Az for unto hīz Lordship, hauing with  
such greatnes of honozabl modestye & be-  
nignitē so passed forth, as *Land sine in-  
uidia et amice pararit*. By greatnesse of  
well dooing, woon with all forts to be in  
such reuerens, az: *De quo metiri fama ve-  
nitur*. In synceritē of frēndship so great,  
az no man more deuocously woozships.

Illud

Tercat.

Blas.

*Ilud amicitia sanctū et venerabile nomen.* Ouidi

So great in liberalitie, az hath no wey to  
heap vp the mass of hiz trezure, but only  
by liberal gyuing & bounteous bestoing  
hiz trezure: folowing (az it sêmez) y saw  
of Martiall that sayth.

*Extra fortunā est, quicquid donatur amicis*

*Quas dederis, solas semper habebis opes.*

Dout of all hazerþ dost thou set that to thy  
(freends thoou gyuelst:

A surer trezure canst thoou not haue euer  
(whyle thoou lyuelst.

What may thêz greatnesles bode, but  
only az great honoz, fame, & rencoun for  
thêz parts hær awey, az euer waz vntoo  
thoz too nobl Greatz: the Macedonian A-  
lexāder in Emathia oz græs, oz to Romāe  
Charles in Germanye, oz Italy: which,  
wear it in me ony wey to set oout, no man  
of all men by God (Walter Martin) had  
euer more cauz, and y hærby consider yoo.  
It pleased his honoz to beare me good wil  
at fyrst, & so too continu. To haue giuē me  
apparail æuen from hiz bak, to get me al-  
lowauns in y stabl, too aduauns me vntoo  
this worshipfull office so nær the most ho-  
norabl Councell, to help me in my licens  
of Beanz (though indæd I do not so much  
vze it, for I thank God I nêd not) to per-  
mit my good Father to serue the stabl.



Whearby I go noow in my sylks, y<sup>e</sup> elle  
 might ruffl in my cut canues: I ryde now  
 a hoys bak, that els many tyme mighte  
 mannage it a foot: am knoen to their ho-  
 nozs & taken foorth with the best, that els  
 might be bidden to stand bak my self: My  
 good Father a good relæf, that hee farez  
 mooch the better by, and none of theez for  
 my dezert, eyther at fyrst or lynes: God hee  
 knoez. What say ye my good frænd Hum-  
 frey, shoold I not for euer honoz, extol him  
 al y<sup>e</sup> wey I can: Yes by your leaue while  
 God lends me poour to vtter my minde,  
 And hauing az good cauz of his honoz, az  
 Virgil had of Augustus Cezar) wil, I poet  
 it a littl with Virgill, and say.

Eglog. 1. *Namque erit ille mihi sepe Deus, illius ara  
 Sepe tener nostris ab ouilibus imbuet agnus.*  
 For he shall be a god to me, till death my life  
 (consume):  
 His auters will I sacrifice with incens and  
 (perfumes).

A singular paction of humanitee may be  
 be well vnto vs towarde all degræz: of  
 Honoz, toward hy Estates, and cheeflye  
 whearby we may learne in what dignitee,  
 woꝛship and reuerens her highnes iz to be  
 esteemed, honozed and receiued, that was  
 neuer indeed moze condignly doon the hær  
 so as neither by the bylders at first, nor by  
 the

the Colet of pacification after, was euer 1266.An.  
 Benelworth more nobled then by this, his 50.Hen.3.  
 Lordships receiuing hir highnes heer now.

But Jesu Jesu whither am I drawen  
 noow. But taulk I of my Lord onz, æn  
 thus it farez with me: I forget all, my  
 freends, & my self too. And yet yow, being a  
 Mercer, a Merchant, az I am: my cuntry  
 man bozn, & my good freend withal, whear  
 by I kno ye ar compassiond with me: He  
 thought it my part sumwhat to empart vn-  
 to yow, how it iz heer with me, & how I  
 lead my life, which in deed iz this.

A mornings I rize ordinarily at seauen  
 a klok: Then redde, I go intoo the Chap-  
 pell: soon after eyght, I get me commonly  
 intoo my Lords Chamber, or intoo my  
 Lords prezidents. I hear at the cupbord  
 after I haue eaten y manchet, serued ouer  
 night for liuery (for I dare be az bolde, I  
 promis yow, az any of my freends the ser-  
 uants thear: and indeed coold I haue fresh  
 if I wold tary, but I am of wont iolly &  
 dry a mornings) I drink me by a good bol  
 of Ale: when in a swæt pot it iz defecated  
 by al nights stading, the drink iz y better,  
 take that of me: & a morsell in a morning  
 with a sound draught iz very holosome and  
 good for the eyesight. The I am az fresh all

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I forenoon after, az had I eaten a hole pæs  
 of bæf. Noow sy, if the Councell sit, I am  
 at hand, wait at an inch I warrant yoo If  
 any make babling, peas (say I) wost ye  
 whear ye ar: if I take a lyfrenar, oz a  
 priar in at the chinks oz at y lokhole, I am  
 by & by in the bones of him, but now they  
 keep good order, they kno me well inough:  
 If a be a frænd oz such one az I lyke: I  
 make him sit dooun by me on a fosome, oz a  
 cheast, let the rest walk a Gods name.

And heer doth my langagez now and than  
 stonde me in good sted, my Frech, my Spa  
 nish, my Dutch, & my Latten: sumtime a  
 mong Ambassadors mē, if their Master  
 be within with the Coucil, sumtime with  
 the Ambassadors himself, if hee bid call hiz  
 lacky, oz ask me whats a klok, and I war  
 rant ye I answer him roundly that they  
 maruell to see such a fello thear: the laugh  
 I & say nothing. Dinner & supper I haue  
 twenty placez to go to, & hartly prayd to:  
 And sumtime get I too Master Dinner by  
 my faich a worshipfull Gentleman, and az  
 carefull for his charge az any hir highnez  
 hath: thear find I alway good store of very  
 good viands we eat and bee merry thank  
 God & the Quæne. Himself in feeding be  
 ey temperat & moderat az ye shall see ony:  
 and



and yet by your leaue of a dish, az a collo-  
 pigeō oʒ so, that hath cum to him at meat  
 moze then he lookt foʒ, I haue seen him æn  
 so by and by surfit, az he hath pluct of hiz  
 napkin, wept his knife, & eat not a moʒ-  
 sell moze: lyke ynoough to stik in hiz sto-  
 make a too dayz after: (Sum hardneslage  
 from the higher officers, perceiue ye me:)  
 Upon search, hiz faithfull dealing and dili-  
 gens hath found him faultles. In after-  
 noons & a nights, sumtime am I with the  
 right worshipfull Sir George Howard,  
 az good a Gentleman as eny liuez: And  
 sumtime at my good Lady Sidneis cham-  
 ber, a Noblwooman that I am az mooch  
 boound vntoo, as eny poore man may bee  
 vnto so gracyous a Lady: And sumtime  
 in sum oother place. But alwayez among  
 the Gentlwomen by my good will (O, yæ  
 kno that cum alweyez of a gentle spirite)  
 & when I see cumpany according than can  
 I be az lyuely to, sumtyme I foote it with  
 daunsing: noow with my Cittern, and els  
 with my Cittern, then at the Virgynalz:  
 Ye kno nothing cums amisse to me: then  
 carroll I vp a song withall: that by and by  
 they com flocking about me lyke bēz too  
 hunny: and euer they cry, anoother good  
 Langham anoother. Shall I tell yoo:  
 when

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vp syn houe

when I see Mysterz — (A, see a madde  
 knaue, I had almost tolde all) that the  
 gyeue onz but an ey or an ear: why then,  
 man, am I best, my grace, my corage, my  
 cunning iz doobled: She sayz sumtime she  
 likez it, & then I like it mooch the better,  
 it dooth me good to heer how well I can  
 doo. And too say truth: what, with myne  
 eyz, az I can amoroously gloit it, with my  
 spanish lolyres, my french heighs, mine  
 Italian dulcets, my dutch bouez my doobl  
 releas, my hy reachez, my fine seyning,  
 my dæp diapason, my wanton warblz, my  
 running, my tyming, my tuning and my  
 twynking, I can gracify the matters az  
 well az the proudest of them, and waz yet  
 neuer staynd I thank God. By my troth  
 cuntreman it iz sumtim by midnight ear  
 I ca get from them. And thus haue I told  
 ye most of my trade, al the leue long daye:  
 what will ye more, God saue the Queene,  
 and my Lord, I am well I thank yoo.  
 Hæi with ment I fully to bid ye farewell,  
 had not this doubt cum to my minde, that  
 heer remainz a doout in yoe, which I  
 ought (me thought) in any wyze to cleer.  
 Which, iz, ye maruel perchauns to see me  
 so bookish. Let me tell yoo in, few woords:  
 I went to scool for sooth both at Pollez, &  
 also

allso at saint Antoniez: in the fifth soorn,  
 past Esop fables iwpz, red Terens. Vos  
 istac intro auferte, & began with my Vir-  
 gill Tytire tu patula. I coold my rulez  
 coold conser & pars with the best of them.  
 Syns, that az partly ye kno) haue I traded  
 the feat of marchaundize in sundry Cunn-  
 trey3, & so gat me Langagez: which do so  
 littl hinder my Latten, az (I thank God)  
 haue mooch encreast it. I haue leizure sum-  
 time, when I tend not vpon the coounsell:  
 whearby, now look I on one booke, noow  
 on an other. Stozies I delight in the more  
 attuncient & rare, the more likesum vntoo  
 me: If I told ye, I lyked William a  
 Palmesbery so well, bicauz of hiz diligenz  
 & antiquitee. Perchauns ye woold conser  
 it bicauz I loue Hamzey so well: but I  
 feith it iz not so: for sipt I no more Sak &  
 suger (& yet neuer but with cōpany) the I  
 doo Hamzey, I should not blush so moch  
 a dayz as I doo, ye kno my minde. Well  
 noow thus fare ye hartily well: yfeith, if  
 with wishig it coold haue been, ye had had  
 a buk or too this soomer, but we shal cum  
 neerer shortly, & then shal we mersly meet  
 & grace a God, in the mean time cominēd  
 me I besek yo: vntoo my good freends, al-  
 most most of the yoor neighbors. Master  
 Alder-



Alderman Pullison, a speciall frend of  
 mine: and in ony wise too my good old  
 freend Master Smith Customer, by that  
 same token. Set my hors by too the rak, &  
 then lets haue a cup of Sak. He knoez the  
 token well yneugh, & wil laugh, I hold ye  
 a groce. To Master Thorogood: And too  
 my mery cumpanion (a Mercer ye wot az  
 we be) Master Denman, Mio fratello in  
 Christo: he iz woont too summon me by  
 the name of Ro. La. of the Coounty No-  
 singham Gentlman, A good companiō I  
 seyth. Well onez again fare ye hartely  
 well, from the Coourt. At the Citie of  
 Worcester, the xx of August. 1575.

Woz countreman, companion, & freend-  
 assuredly: Mercer, Merchantaenturer,  
 and Clerk of the Counsel chamber dooz,  
 and also keeper of the same: El Principe  
 negro. Par mie R. L. Gent. Mercer.

DE MAIESTATE REGIA

: Benigno.

*Cedant arma toga, concedat laurea lingua,*

*Iactanter Cicero, ac iustus illud habe:*

*Cedat arma toga, vigil et toga cedat honori*

*Omnia concedant Imperioq. suo,*

DEO OPT. MAX. GRATIAE

[Without marks, but 1575]

EXTREMELY RARE. This "Letter" is addressed to "Master Humfrey Martin Mercer," and signed at the end, "Par me R. L. Gent Mercer; and on page 44 the author calls himself "Laneham." It is a contemporary account by an eye-witness of the entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth Castle by the Earl of Leicester in 1575, and has the greater interest from being written in the Warwickshire dialect. On page 34 a certain Captain Cox is introduced as a man of "great oversight . . in matters of storie;" and then follows a long and interesting list of the romantic and humorous pieces in his repertory.

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